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CHARTA PRIMA,

Praeſidi, Concilio, et Sodalibus REGALIS SOCIETATIS Londini, a Rege CAROLO SECUNDO conceſſa, *A. D.* MDCLXII.

CAROLVS SECVNDUS Dei gratia Angliae Scotiae Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, fidei Defenſor, etc, omnibus, ad quos praeſentes Literae pervenerint, ſalutem.

DIV multumque apud nos ſtatuimus, ut imperii fines, ſic etiam artes atque ſcientias ipſas promovere. Favemus itaque omnibus diſciplinis; particulari autem gratia indulgemus philoſophicis ſtudiis; praeſertim iis, quae ſolidis experimentis conantur aut novam extundere philoſophiam, aut expolire veterem. VT igitur inclareſcant apud noſtros hujuſmodi ſtudia, quae nuſquam terrarum adhuc ſatis emicuerunt; utque

nos tandem univerſus literarum orbis non ſolum fidei defenſorem, ſed etiam veritatis omnimodae et cultorem ubique et patronum ſemper agnoſcat.

Sciatis, quod nos de gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris ordinavimus conſtituimus conceſſimus et declaravimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris ordinamus conſtituimus concedimus et declaramus, quod de caetero in perpetuum erit Societas de Incorporation, and Corporate Name. Praeſidente [1] Concilio et Sodalibus conſiſtens, quae vocabitur et nuncupabitur *Regalis Societas.* Et eandem Societatem, per nomen *Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis*, unum corpus corporatum et politicum in re facto et nomine realiter et ad plenum, pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris, facimus ordinamus creamus et conſtituimus per praeſentes, et quod per idem nomen habeant ſucceſſionem perpetuam; Et quod ipſi et eorum ſucceſſores (quorum ſtudia applicanda ſunt ad rerum naturalium artiumque utilium ſcientias experimentorum fide ulterius promovendas) per idem nomen *Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis* praedictae, ſint et erunt Capacity to purchaſe; perpetuis futuris temporibus perſonae habiles et in lege capaces ad habendum perquirendum percipiendum et poſſidendum terras et tenementa prata paſcua paſturas libertates privilegia franchesias juriſdictiones et hereditamenta quaecunque ſibi et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in feodo et perpetuitate, vel pro termino vitae vitarum vel annorum, ſeu aliter quocunque modo, ac etiam bona et catalla ac omnes alias res cujuſcunque fuerint and to grant; generis naturae ſpecie qualitatis; Necnon ad dandum concedendum dimittendum et aſſignandum eadem terras tenementa et hereditamenta bona et catalla, et omnia facta et res neceſſarias

[1] *Sic in* Authentic.

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faciendum et exequendum de et concernentia eiſdem [1], per nomen praedictum; Et quod per nomen *Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis* praedictum, placitare et implacitari, reſpondere et reſponderi, defendere et defendi, de caetero in perpetuum valeant et poſſint, in quibuſcunque curiis placeis et locis, et coram quibuſcunque Iudicibus et Iuſticariis et aliis perſonis et officiariis noſtris heredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum, in omnibus et ſingulis actionibus placitisſectis querelis cauſis materiis rebus et demandis quibuſcunque, cujuſcunque ſint aut erunt generis naturae vel ſpeciei; eiſdem modo et forma, prout aliqui ligei noſtri intra hoc regnum noſtrum Angliae, perſonae habiles et in lege capaces, aut ut aliquod corpus corporatum vel politicum intra hoc regnum noſtrum Angliae, habere perquirere recipere poſſidere dare et concedere, placitare et implacitari, reſpondere et reſponderi, defendere vel defendi, valeant et poſſint, valeat et poſſit; Et quod iidem Praeſes Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſores ſui habeant in perpetuum commune Sigillum, pro cauſis et negotiis ſuis et ſucceſſorum ſuorum quibuſcunque agendis deſerviturum; et quod bene liceat et licebit eiſdem Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis pro tempore exiſtentibus, Sigillum illud de tempore in tempus frangere mutare et de novo facere, prout iis melius fore videbitur expediri.

To ſue, and be ſued;

To have a Common Seal,

Alterable at Pleaſure.

Et, quod intentio noſtra regia meliorem ſortiatur effectum, ac pro bono regimine et gubernatione praedictae Regalis Societatis de tempore in tempus, VOLUMUS, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus iiſdem Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Societatis Regalis praedictae et

[1] *Sic in* Authentic.

The Council to conſiſt of 21, (of whom, the Preſident to be always one).

ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod de caetero in perpetuum Concilium praedictum erit et conſiſtet ex viginti et una perſonis (quarum Praeſidem ſemper unum eſſe volumus); Et quod omnes et ſingulae aliae perſonae, quae intra unum menſem proximum ſequentem poſt datum praeſentium per Praeſidem et Concilium, et in omni tempore ſequenti per Praeſidem Concilium et Sodales, in eandem Societatem accipientur et admittentur ut Membra Regalis Societatis praedictae, et in Regiſtro per ipſos conſervando annotatae fuerint, erunt vocabuntur et nuncupabuntur *Sodales Regalis Societatis* praedictae: quos, quanto eminentiùs omnis generis doctrinae bonarumque literarum ſtudio clareſcant, quanto ardentiùs hujuſce Societatis honorem ſtudia et emolumentum promoveri cupiant, quanto vitae integritate morumque probitate ac pietate emineant, et fidelitate, animique erga nos coronam et dignitatem noſtram ſincero affectu polleant; eo magis idoneos et dignos, qui in Sodalium ejuſdem Societatis numerum adſciſcantur, omnino cenſeri volumus.

The Fellows to be choſen, in the firſt Month, by the Preſident and Council; after that Month, by the Preſident, Council, and Fellows.

Et, pro meliori executione voluntatis et conceſſionis noſtrae in hac parte, ASSIGNAVIMVS nominavimus conſtituimus et fecimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris aſſignamus nominamus conſtituimus et facimus, praedilectum et fidelem nobis Willielmum Vicecomitem *Brouncker*, Cancellarium praechariſſimae conſorti noſtrae Reginae Catherinae, fore et eſſe primum et modernum Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae; volentes quod praedictus Willielmus Vicecomes *Brouneker* in officio Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae à datu praeſentium uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae proximum ſequens poſt datum praeſentium continuabit, et quouſque unus alius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtente ad officium illud debito modo electus praefectus

William, Viſcount Brouncker, to be the firſt Preſident;

To hold till St. Andrew's Day next, (if he ſhall ſo long live), and till another out of the Council be choſen and ſworn.

praefectus et juratus fuerit, juxta ordinationem et proviſionem in his praeſentibus inferiùs expreſſam et declaratam (ſi praedictus Willielmus Vicecomes Brouncker tam diu vixerit); ſacramento corporali in omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangentia bene et fideliter exequendum, ſecundùm veram intentionem harum praeſentium, coram praedilecto et perquàm fideli conſanguineo et conſiliario noſtro Edwardo Comite *Clarendon*, Cancellario noſtro Angliae, priùs praeſtito: cui quidem Edwardo Comiti *Clarendon*, Cancellario noſtro praedicto, ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus, in haec verba ſequentia, viz. But firſt to be ſworn in, before the Lord Chancellor.

I WILLIAM VISCOUNT BROUNCKER *doe promiſe to deale faithfullie and honeſtlie, in all things belonging to the truſt committed to mee as Preſident of this Royall Societie, during my employment in that capacitie: So help me God!* The Preſident's Oath. ASSIGNAVIMUS etiam conſtituimus et fecimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris facimus, dilectos nobis et fideles Robertum *Moray* Militem unum à ſecretioribus noſtris conciliis in regno noſtro Scotiae, Robertum *Boyle* Armigerum, Willielmum *Brereton* Armigerum filium primogenitum Baronis de *Brereton*, Kenelm. *Digby* Militem praechariſſimae matri noſtrae Mariae Reginae Cancellarium, Paulum *Neile* Militem unum Generoſorum camerae privatae noſtrae, Henricum *Slingeſby* Armigerum alium Generoſorum praedictae privatae camerae noſtrae, Willielmum *Petty* Militem, Iohannem *Wallis* in theologia Doctorem, Timotheum *Clarke* in medicinis Doctorem et unum Medicorum noſtrorum, Iohannem *Wilkins* in theologia Doctorem, Georgium *Ent* in medicinis Doctorem, Willielmum *Aerſkine* unum a poculis noſtris, Ionathan. *Goddard* in medicinis Doctorem et Profeſſorem The firſt Council named.

feſſorem Collegii de *Greſham*, Chriſtopherum *Wren* in medicinis Doctorem *Saville* aſtronomiae Profeſſorem in academia noſtra Oxonienſi, Willielmum *Balle* Armigerum, Matthaeum *Wren* Armigerum, Iohannem *Evelyn* Armigerum, Thomam *Henſhaw* Armigerum, *Dudley Palmer* de *Greys Inn* in comitatu noſtro Middleſexiae Armigerum, et *Henricum Oldenburg* Armigerum, una cum Praeſide praedicto, fore et eſſe primos et modernos viginti et unum de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae; continuandos in eiſdem officiis à datu praeſentium uſque ad praedictum feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli proximum ſequens, et deinde, quouſque aliae idoneae perſonae et habiles et ſufficientes in officia praedicta electae praefectae et juratae fuerint (ſi tam diu vixerint, aut pro aliqua juſta et rationabili cauſa non amotae[1] fuerint); ſacramentis corporalibus coram Praeſide praedictae Regalis Societatis, ad officia ſua bene et fideliter in omnibus et per omnia officia illa tangentia exequendum, prius praeſtandis, ſecundum formam et effectum praedicti ſacramenti, mutatis mutandis, Praeſidi Regalis Societatis praedictae per Cancellarium noſtrum Angliae adminiſtrandi; (cui quidem Praeſidi pro tempore exiſtenti ſacramenta praedicta adminiſtrare plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus per praeſentes); Et quod eaedem perſonae ſic, ut praefertur, ad Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis electae praefectae et juratae, et in poſterum eligendae praeficiendae et jurandae de tempore in tempus, erunt et exiſtent auxiliantes conſulentes et aſſiſtentes in omnibus materiis rebus et negotiis meliorem regulationem gubernationem et directionem praedictae Regalis Societatis, et cujuſlibet Membri ejuſdem, tangentibus ſeu concernentibus.

To continue as above, unleſs amoved for juſt Cauſe.

But firſt to take, before the Preſident, the like oath as this, mutatis mutandis.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

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Et ulterius volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod Praeſes Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtentes (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem unum eſſe volumus) de tempore in tempus perpetuis futuris temporibus poteſtatem et authoritatem habeant et habebunt nominandi et eligendi, et quod eligere et nominare poſſint et valeant, quolibet anno in praedicto feſto Sancti Andreae, unum de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtente, qui ſit et erit Praeſes Regalis Societatis praedictae uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli exinde proximum ſequens (ſi tam diu vixerit, aut interim pro aliqua juſta et rationabili cauſa non amotus fuerit) et exinde, quouſque unus alius in officium Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit; quodque ille, poſtquam ſic, ut praefertur, electus et nominatus fuerit in officium Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae, antequam ad officium illud admittatur, ſacramentum corporale coram Concilio ejuſdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, ad officium illud recte bene et fideliter in omnibus officium illud tangentibus exequendum praeſtabit, ſecundum formam et effectum praedicti ſacramenti, mutatis mutandis; (cui quidem Concilio, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus, quotieſcunque neceſſarium fuerit, damus et concedimus per praeſentes); et quod poſt hujuſmodi ſacramentum ſic, ut praefertur, praeſtitum, officium Praeſidis

The Preſident, Council, and Fellows, (of whom the Preſident to be one), to elect, annually, on St. Andrew's Day, one out of the Council to be Preſident; who is to hold, if not dead nor amoved, till the next St. Andrew's Day, and till another ſhall be choſen; having firſt taken the Oath, before the Council or 7 or more of them.

On the Death, or Amotion of a Preſident, the Council and Fellows, or any ſeven or more of them, are to elect another, out of the Council: who is to hold, during the reſidue of the year, (being firſt ſworn), and until another be choſen and ſworn.

Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli exinde proximum ſequens exequi valeat et poſſit: Et ſi contigerit Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtentem, aliquo tempore quamdiu fuerit in officio Praeſidis ejuſdem Regalis Societatis, obire vel ab officio ſuo amoveri, quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum (quorum Praeſidem [1] Concilii praedicti ad talem electionem ſemper unum eſſe volumus) alium de praedicto numero Concilii praedicti in Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae eligere et praeficere; et quod ille ſic electus et praefectus officium illud habeat et exerceat durante reſiduo ejuſdem anni, et quouſque alius ad officium illud debito modo electus et juratus fuerit, ſacramento corporali in forma ultimè ſpecificata priùs praeſtando; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit.

If any of the Council die, or be amoved, or quit, (and power of amotion is here given to the Preſident and Council or Major part of them, whereof the Preſident to be one); the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or the Major part of them (the Preſident to be one), may ſupply the vacancy out of the Fellows: and the elected ſhall hold, (being firſt ſworn), till the next St. Andrew's Day, and till another Election.

Et vlterivs volumus quod quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtente mori, vel ab officio illo amoveri, vel decedere, (quos quidem de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae et eorum quemlibet pro male ſe gerendo aut aliqua alia rationabili cauſa amobiles eſſe volumus ad beneplacitum Praeſidis et caeterorum de Concilio praedicto ſuperviventium et in officio illo remanentium, vel majoris partis eorundem, quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem unum eſſe volumus,) quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

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exiſtentem unum eſſe volumus) unum alium vel plures alios de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, loco ſive locis ipſius vel ipſorum ſic mortuorum decedentium vel amotorum, ad ſupplendum praedictum numerum viginti et unius perſonarum de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae nominare eligere et praeficere; et quod ille ſive illi ſic in officio illo electi et praefecti [1] idem officium habeat et habeant uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli tunc proximum ſequens, et exinde, quouſque unus alius vel plures alii electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit, electi praefecti et nominati fuerint; ſacramento corporali ad officium illud in omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangentia coram Praeſide et Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore exiſtentibus, bene et fideliter exequendum, ſecundùm veram intentionem praeſentium, priùs praeſtando.

On every St. Andrew's day, ten (and no more) of the Council are to be changed.

ET VLTERIVS volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui quolibet anno, in praedicto feſto Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem habeant et habebunt eligendi nominandi praeficiendi et mutandi decem de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, ad ſupplendum loca et officia decem praedicti numeri viginti et unius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae; quoniam regiam voluntatem noſtram eſſe declaramus, et per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus, quod decem de Concilio praedicto, et non amplius, per Praeſidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae annuatim mutati et amoti fuerint.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

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Volumus etiam, et pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictæ Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod ſi contigerit Praeſidem ejuſdem Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtentem aegritudine vel infirmitate detineri, vel in ſervitio noſtro heredum vel ſucceſſorum noſtrorum verſari, vel aliter eſſe occupatum, ita quod neceſſariis negotiis ejuſdem Regalis Societatis officium Praeſidis tangentibus attendere non poterit; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit eidem Praeſidi ſic detento verſato vel occupato *unum* de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtente, fore et eſſe *Deputatum* ejuſdem Praeſidis, nominare et appunctuare; qui quidem Deputatus, in officio Deputati Praeſidis praedicti ſic faciendus et conſtituendus, ſit et erit Deputatus ejuſdem Praeſidis de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, durante toto tempore, quo praedictus Praeſes in officio Praeſidis continuaverit; niſi interim praedictus Praeſes Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtens unum alium de praedicto Concilio ejus Deputatum fecerit et conſtituerit; et quod quilibet hujuſmodi Deputatus praedicti Praeſidis ſic, ut praefertur, fiendus [a] et conſtituendus, omnia et ſingula, quae ad officium Praeſidis praedictae Regalis Societatis pertinent ſeu pertinere debent, vel, per praedictum Praeſidem virtute harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium limitata et appunctuata fore [b] facienda et exequenda de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, durante tali tempore, quo Deputatus praedicti Praeſidis continuaverit, facere et exequi valeat et poſſit, vigore harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium,

The Preſident may appoint *one* out of the Council to be his Deputy:

Who may act as ſuch during his Abſence; unleſs he appoints ſome other out of the Council to be ſo.

Such Deputy may, in the Preſident's Abſence, do all Acts that he himſelf could do if preſent:

[a] *Sic in* Authent.

[b] *Sic in* Authent.

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adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout Praeſes praedictus, ſi praeſens eſſet, illa facere et exequi valeret et poſſet; ſacramento corporali ſuper ſancta Dei Evangelia, in forma et effectu ultime ſpecificatis per hujuſmodi Deputatum ad omnia et ſingula, quae ad officium Praeſidis pertinent, bene et fideliter exequendum, coram praefato Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, prius praeſtando; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit: cui quidem Concilio, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore exiſtentibus, ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare poteſtatem et authoritatem, quoties caſus ſic acciderit, damus et concedimus per praeſentes, abſque aliquo brevi commiſſione ſive ulteriori warranto in ea parte a nobis heredibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris procurando ſeu obtinendo.

But he muſt firſt be ſworn before the Council, or ſeven, or more of them.

Et ulterius volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui de caetero in perpetuum habeant et habebunt unum Theſaurarium, duos Secretarios, unum Clericum, et duos Servientes ad clavas qui de tempore in tempus ſuper Praeſidem attendant; quodque praedicti Theſaurarius Secretarii Clericus et Servientes ad clavas eligendi et nominandi, antequam ad officia ſua ſeparalia et reſpectiva exequendum admittantur, ſacramenta ſua corporalia in forma et effectu ultime ſpecificatis, coram Praeſide et Concilio ejuſdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, officia ſua ſeparalia et reſpectiva in omnibus illa tangentibus recte bene et fideliter exequendum praeſtabunt; et quod poſt hujuſmodi ſacramenta ſic, ut praefertur, praeſtita officia ſua reſpectiva

The Preſident, Council, and Fellows, may have one Treaſurer, two Secretaries, a Clerk, and two Serjeants at Mace:

Who are all to be ſworn before the Preſident and Council, or any ſeven or more of them.

tiva exerceant et utantur; quibus quidem Praeſidi et Concilio, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, ſacramenta praedicta de tempore in tempus adminiſtrare praedictis ſeparalibus et reſpectivis officiariis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus per praeſentes; ET aſſignavimus nominavimus elegimus creavimus conſtituimus et fecimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris aſſignamus nominamus eligimus creamus conſtituimus et facimus, dilectos ſubditos noſtros Willielmum *Balle* Armigerum fore et eſſe primum et modernum Theſaurarium; et praedictum * Johannem *Wilkins* et Henricum *Oldenburg* fore et eſſe primos et modernos Secretarios praedictae Regalis Societatis; continuandos in iſdem officiis uſque ad praedictum feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli proximum ſequens poſt datum praeſentum: Quodque de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora, in praedicto feſto Sancti Andrae Apoſtoli (ſi non fuerit dies Dominicus, et ſi fuerit dies Dominicus, tunc die proxime ſequenti) Praeſes Concilium et Sodales praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtentes, aut major pars eorundem (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem unum eſſe volumus) alios probos et diſcretos viros, de tempore in tempus, in Theſaurarium, Secretarios, Clericum, et Servientes ad clavas praedictae Regalis Societatis, eligere nominare et praeficere valeant et poſſint; quodque illi, qui in ſeparalia et reſpectiva officia praedicta ſic, ut praefertur, electi praefecti et jurati fuerint, officia illa reſpectiva exercere et gaudere poſſint et valeant uſque ad praedictum feſtum Sancti Andreae extunc proximum ſequens, ſacramentis ſuis praedictis ſic, ut praefertur, prius praeſtandis; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit; et ſi con-

First Treaſurer and firſt two Secretaries appointed.

And on every St. Andrew's day yearly, (unleſs it be Sunday,) the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or the major Part of them (of whom the Preſident to be one), are to elect others in the Offices of Treaſurer, Secretaries, Clerk, and Serjeants at Mace; who, after being ſworn, are to officiate till the next St. Andrew's day.

* *Sic in Autient.*

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tigerit aliquem vel aliquos officiariorum praedictorum ejuſdem Regalis Societatis obire, vel ab officiis ſuis reſpectivis amoveri, quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Soietatis, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem unum eſſe volumus), alium vel alios in officium ſive officia illarum perſonarum ſic defunctarum ſive amotarum eligere et praeficere; et quod ille ſive illi ſic electus et praefectus electi et praefecti officia praedicta reſpectiva habeat et exerceat habeant et exerceant durante reſiduo ejuſdem anni, et quouſque alius ſive alii ad officia illa reſpectiva debito modo electus et juratus fuerit, electi et jurati fuerint; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit.

And if any of them die or be amoved, the like Election to be made of others to ſupply their Places, for the Reſidue of the Year, and till others ſhall be duly elected and ſworn.

Et insvper volumus, ac de gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod Praeſes et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtentes, et major pars eorundem (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem unum eſſe volumus) pariter congregare et aſſemblare poſſint et valeant in collegio ſive alio publico loco ſive aula intra civitatem noſtram *London*, vel in aliquo alio loco conveniente intra decem milliaria ejuſdem civitatis noſtrae; et quod ipſi ſic congregati et aſſemblati habebunt et habeant plenam authoritatem poteſtatem et facultatem de tempore in tempus condendi conſtituendi ordinandi faciendi et ſtabiliendi hujuſmodi leges ſtatuta jura ordinationes et conſtitutiones, quae eis, aut eorum majori parti, bona ſalubria utilia honeſta et neceſſaria juxta eorum ſanas diſcretiones fore videbuntur, et omnia quaecunque alia negotiis et rebus Regalis Societatis praedictae ſpectantia agendi et faciendi; quae omnia et ſingula leges ſtatuta jura ordinationes et conſtitutiones ſic ut

The Preſident and Council, and the major Part of them (of whom the Preſident to be one), may meet in a College or other public Place or Hall in London, or within ten Miles of it; and make Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, and do all other Things relating to the Affairs of the Society.

praefertur

praefertur facienda volumus, et per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris firmiter injungendo praecipimus et mandamus, quod de tempore in tempus inviolabiliter obſervata fuerint, ſecundùm tenorem et effectum eorundem: Ita tamen, quod praedicta leges ſtatuta jura ordinationes et conſtitutiones ſic ut praefertur facienda, et eorum quaelibet, ſint rationabilia, et non ſint repugnantia nec contraria legibus conſuetudinibus juribus ſive ſtatutis hujus regni noſtri Angliae.

Powers is given to the Council and Fellows, to appoint one or more Printer or Printers, and one or more Engraver or Engravers; and to authorize them, by writing under the common Seal, and ſigned by the Preſident, to print ſuch Things (touching or concerning the Society) as ſhall be given them in Charge by the Preſident and Council, or any ſeven or more of them, (of whom the Preſident to be one). They muſt be firſt ſworn before the Preſident and Council, or any ſeven or more of them.

Et vlterivs de ampliori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus praefatis Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus eligendi nominandi et conſtituendi unum vel plures Typographos ſive Impreſſores, et Chalcographos ſeu Sculptores; et ipſi vel ipſis per ſcriptum communi Sigillo praedictae Regalis Societatis ſigillatum, et manu Praeſidis pro tempore exiſtentis ſignatum, facultatem concedendi, ut imprimant talia res materias et negotia praedictam Societatem tangentia vel concernentia, qualia praedictis Typographo vel Impreſſori, Chalcographo vel Sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impreſſoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus per Praeſidem et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquos ſeptem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem unum eſſe volumus) commiſſa fuerint; ſacramentis ſuis corporalibus, antequam ad officia ſua exercendum admittantur, coram Praeſide et Concilio pro tempore exiſtentibus, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, In forma et effectu ultime ſpecificatis, prius praeſtandis: quibus quidem Praeſidi et Concilio, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum,

I ſacramenta

ſacramenta praedicta adminiſtrare plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus per praeſentes.

Et vlterius, quod praedicti Praeſes Concilium et Sodales praedictae Regalis Societatis in philoſophicis ſuis ſtudiis meliorem ſortiantur effectum, de ampliori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus, praedictis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui de tempore in tempus habeant et habebunt plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus, et ad talia tempeſtiva tempora, ſecundum eorum diſcretionem, requirere capere et recipere cadavera talium perſonarum, quae mortem manu carnificis paſſae fuerunt, et ea anatomizare, in tam amplis modo et forma, et ad omnes intentiones et propoſita, prout Collegium Medicorum et Corporatio Chirurgorum civitatis noſtrae *London* eiſdem cadaveribus uſi vel gaviſi fuerunt, aut uti vel gaudere valeant et poſſint.

The ſame Right to demand, receive, and anatomize the Bodies of executed Criminals, is given to this Society, as the College of Phyſicians and the Corporation of Surgeons of London have or uſe.

Et vlterius, pro melioratione experimentorum artium et ſcientiarum praedictae Regalis Societatis, de abundantiori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Conſilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui de tempore in tempus habeant et habebunt plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem, per literas vel epiſtolas, ſub manu praedicti Praeſidis in praeſentia Concilii, *vel aliquorum ſeptem vel plurium eorum*, et in nomine Regalis Societatis, ac communi Sigillo ſuo praedicto ſigillatas, mutuis intelligentiis fruentur

Licence to hold a Literary Correſpondence, on Philoſophical, Mathematical, or Mechanical Subjects, with all Sorts of Foreigners; by Letters ſealed with the common Seal of the Society.

and ſigned by the Preſident in the Preſence of the Council, or any ſeven or more of them.

fruentur [1], et notitiis cum omnibus et omnimodis perſonis peregrinis et alienis, utrum privatis vel collegiatis, corporatis vel politicis, abſque aliqua moleſtatione interruptione vel inquietatione quacunque; PROVISO tamen, quod haec indulgentia noſtra ſic ut praefertur conceſſa ad ulteriorem non extendatur uſum, quam particulare beneficium et intereſſe praedictae Regalis Societatis in materiis ſeu rebus philoſophicis mathematicis aut mechanicis.

Licence to build a College or Colleges in London, or within ten Miles of London.

ET VLTERIVS dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem erigendi aedificandi et extruendi, aut erigi aedificari et extrui faciendi vel cauſandi, intra civitatem noſtram *London*, vel decem milliaria ejuſdem, unum vel plura Collegium vel Collegia cujuſcunque modi vel qualitatis, pro habitatione aſſemblatione et congregatione praedictorum Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſorum ſuorum, negotia ſua et alias res eandem Regalem Societatem concernentia ad ordinandum et diſponendum.

If any Abuſes or Diſſenſions ariſe, they ſhall be reformed and ſettled by the Lord Chancellor Clarendon alone, if living;

ET VLTERIVS volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris ordinamus conſtituimus et appunctuamus, quod ſi aliqui abuſus vel diſcrepantiae in poſterum orientur et accident de gubernatione aut aliis rebus vel negotiis pradictae Regalis Societatis, unde ejuſdem conſtitutioni ſtabilimini et ſtudiorum progreſſui vel rebus et negotiis aliqua inferatur injuria vel impedimentum; quod tunc et toties per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris authorizamus nominamus aſſignamus et conſtituimus praefatum praedilectum

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

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et perquam fidelem conſanguineum et conſiliarium noſtrum Edwardum Comitem *Clarendon* Cancellarium noſtrum regni noſtri Angliae, per ſeipſum durante vita ſua, et poſt ejus mortem tunc Archiepiſcopum Cantuarienſem, Cancellarium vel Cuſtodem magni Sigilli Angliae, Theſaurarium Angliae, Epiſcopum Londinenſem, Cuſtodem privati Sigilli, et duos principales Secretarios, pro tempore exiſtentes, aut aliquos quatuor vel plures eorum, eaſdem diſcrepantias et abuſus reconciliare componere et reducere.

afterwards by the Archbiſhop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, or Keeper, the Lord Treaſurer, the Biſhop of London, the Lord Privy Seal, and the two Secretaries of State, for the Time being, or four or more of them.

Et vlterius volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris firmiter injungendo praecipimus et mandamus omnibus et ſingulis Inſticiariis, Majoribus, Aldermannis, Vicecomitibus, Ballivis, Conſtabulariis, et aliis officiariis miniſtris et ſubditis noſtris heredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum quibuſcunque, quòd de tempore in tempus ſint auxiliantes et aſſiſtentes praedictis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in omnibus et per omnia, ſecundum veram intentionem harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium.

General Clauſes.

Eo, quod expreſſa mentio de vero valore annuo, vel de certitudine praemiſſorum ſive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis ſive conceſſionibus per nos ſeu per aliquem progenitorum ſive praedeceſſorum noſtrorum, praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis ante haec tempora factis, in praeſentibus minime facta exiſtit, aut aliquo ſtatuto actu ordinatione proviſione proclamatione ſive reſtrictione in contrarium inde antehac habitis factis editis ordinatis ſive proviſis, aut aliqua alia re cauſa vel materia quacunque, in aliquo non obſtante.

In cuius rei teſtimonium has Literas noſtras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste Me ipſo apud Weſtmonaſterium, quinto decimo die Iulii, anno regni noſtri decimo quarto.

Per ipſum Regem.

HOWARD.

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CHARTA SECUNDA,

Iiſdem ab eodem conceſſa, *A. D.* MDCLXIII.

CAROLVS SECVNDVS Dei gratia Angliae Scotiae Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, fidei Defenſor, etc, omnibus, ad quos hae Literae noſtrae patentes pervenerint, ſalutem.

DIV multumque apud nos ſtatuimus, ut imperii fines, ſic etiam artes atque ſcientias ipſas promovere. Favemus itaque omnibus diſciplinis: particulari autem gratia indulgemus philoſophicis ſtudiis; praeſertim iis, quae ſolidis experimentis co-

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nantur aut novam extundere philoſophiam, aut expolire veterem. Vt igitur inclareſcant apud noſtros hujuſmodi ſtudia, quae nuſquam terrarum adhuc ſatis emicuerunt; utque nos tandem univerſus literarum orbis non ſolum fidei defenſorem, ſed etiam veritatis omnimodae et cultorem ubique et patronum ſemper agnoſcat;

Incorporation and Corporate Name.

Sciatis, quod nos de gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris ordinavimus conſtituimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris ordinamus conſtituimus et concedimus, quod de caetero in perpetuum erit Societas de Praeſide Concilio et Sodalibus conſiſtens, qui vocabuntur et nuncupabuntur *Praeſes Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali promovenda*; (cujus quidem Societatis nos ipſos Fundatorem et Patronum per praeſentes declaramus;) Et eandem Societatem, per nomen *Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali promovenda*, unum corpus corporatum et politicum in re facto et nomine realiter et ad plenum pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris facimus ordinamus creamus et conſtituimus per praeſentes, et quod per idem nomen habeant ſucceſſionem perpetuam; Et quod ipſi et eorum ſucceſſores (quorum ſtudia ad rerum naturalium artiumque utilium ſcientias experimentorum fide ulteriùs promovendas, in Dei Creatoris gloriam, et generis humani commodum, applicanda ſunt,) per idem nomen *Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali promovenda*, ſint et erunt perpetuis futuris temporibus perſonae habiles et in lege capaces ad habendum perquirendum percipiendum et poſſidendum terras tenementa prata paſcua paſturas libertates privilegia franchefias juriſdictiones et hereditamenta quaecunque ſibi et ſucceſſoribus ſuis

The King himſelf Founder and Patron.

Capacity to purchaſe;

ſuis in feodo et perpetuitate, vel pro termino vitae vitarum vel annorum, ſeu aliter quocunque modo, ac etiam bona et catalla ac omnes alias res cujuſcunque fuerint generis naturae ſpeciei ſive qualitatis (ſtatuto *De alienatione in manum mortuam* non obſtante;) necnon ad dandum concedendum et aſſignandum eadem terras tenementa et hereditamenta bona et catalla, et omnia facta et res neceſſarias faciendum et exequendum de et concernentia eadem, per nomen praedictum; Et quod per nomen *Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali promovenda* praedictum, placitare et implacitari, reſpondere et reſponderi, defendere et defendi, de caetero in perpetuum valeant et poſſint, in quibuſcunque curiis placeis et locis, et coram quibuſcunque Iudicibus et Iuſticiariis et aliis perſonis et officiariis noſtris heredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum, in omnibus et ſingulis actionibus, tum realibus tum perſonalibus, placitis ſectis querelis cauſis materiis rebus et demandis quibuſcunque, cujuſcunque ſint aut erunt generis naturae vel ſpeciei; eiſdem modo et forma, prout aliqui ligei noſtri intra hoc regnum noſtrum Angliae, perſonae habiles et in lege capaces, aut ut aliquod corpus corporatum vel politicum intra hoc regnum noſtrum Angliae, habere perquirere recipere poſſidere dare et concedere placitare et implacitari, reſpondere et reſponderi, defendere vel defendi, valeant et poſſint, valeat et poſſit; Et quod iidem Praeſes Conſilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſores ſui habeant in perpetuum commune Sigillum, pro cauſis et negotiis ſuis et ſucceſſorum ſuorum quibuſcunque agendis deſerviturum; et quod bene liceat et licebit eiſdem Praeſidi Cocilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis pro tempore exiſtentibus, Sigillum illud de tempore in tempus frangere mutare et de novo facere, prout eis melius fore videbitur expediri.

and to grant;

and to ſue and be ſued;

and to have a common Seal; (which they have Liberty to alter at Pleaſure.)

DAMUS

Grant of Arms, viz. Argent; in a Canton Dexter, the three Lions of England; and alſo of a Creſt, and Supporters.

Damus inſuper et concedimus per praeſentes Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae eorumque in perpetuum ſucceſſoribus, in favoris noſtri regii erga ipſos noſtraeque de ipſis peculiaris exiſtimationis praeſenti et futuris aetatibus teſtimonium, haec honoris inſignia ſequentia, viz. In Parmae argentae angulo dextro tres leones noſtros Anglicos; et pro Criſta galeam corona floſculis interſtincta adornatam, cui ſupereminet aquila nativi coloris, altero pede ſcutum leonibus noſtris inſignitum tenens; Telamones ſcutarios, duos canes ſagaces albos, colla coronis cinctos (prout in margine luculentius videre eſt [1]) a praedictis Praeſide Concilio et Sodalibus ipſorumque ſucceſſoribus, prout feret occaſio, in perpetuum geſtanda producenda poſſidenda.

The Council ſhall conſiſt of Twenty-one: (of whom, the Preſident or his Deputy ſhall be always one.)

Et, quod intentio noſtra regia meliorem ſortiatur effectum, ac pro bono regimine et gubernatione praedictae Regalis Societatis de tempore in tempus, volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus eiſdem Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Societatis Regalis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod de caetero in perpetuum Concilium praedictum erit et conſiſtet ex viginti et una perſonis (quarum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus;) Et quod omnes et ſingulae aliae perſonae, quae intra duos menſes proxime ſequentes poſt datum praeſentium, per Praeſidem et Concilium vel per aliquos undecim vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem vel ejus Deputatum ſemper unum eſſe volumus,) vel per duas tertias partes vel plures praedictorum undecim vel plurium, et

All other Perſons who ſhall be received and admitted as Members, by the Preſident and Council, or any eleven or more of them (of whom, &c.) or by two Thirds or more of thoſe eleven or more,

[1] *Vide frontem libri.*

et in omni tempore ſequenti per Praeſidem Concilium et Sodales, ſive per aliquos viginti et unum vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus) ſive per duas tertias partes vel plures praedictorum viginti et unius vel plurium, in eandem Societatem accipientur et admittentur ut Membra Regalis Societatis praedictae, et in Regiſtro per ipſos conſervando annotatae fuerint, erunt vocabuntur et nuncupabuntur *Sodales Regalis Societatis* praedictae, quamdiu vixerint, niſi ob cauſam aliquam rationabilem, ſecundùm Statuta Regalis praedictae condenda, quemvis eorum amoveri contigerit: quos quanto eminentiùs omnis generis doctrinae bonarumque literarum ſtudio clareſcant, quanto ardentiùs hujuſce Societatis honorem ſtudia et emolumentum promoveri cupiant, quanto vitae integritate morumque probitate ac pietate emineant, et fidelitate animique erga nos coronam et dignitatem noſtram ſincero affectu polleant, eo magis idoneos et dignos, qui in Sodalium ejuſdem Societatis numerum adſcicantur, omnino cenſeri volumus.

within two Months; and at all Times *after* thoſe two Months, by the Preſident, Council, and *Fellows*, or by any Twenty-one or more of them (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be one,) or by *two third* Parts or more of the ſaid Twenty-one or more; and ſhall be regiſtered; ſhall be called *Fellows* of the ſaid Royal Society, for Life, unleſs regularly amoved.

ET, pro meliori executione voluntatis et conceſſionis noſtrae in hac parte, ASSIGNAVIMUS nominavimus conſtituimus et fecimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris aſſignamus nominamus conſtituimus et facimus, praedilectum et fidelem nobis Willielmum Vicecomitem *Brouncker*, Cancellarium praechariſſimae conſortis noſtrae Reginae Catharinae, eſſe primum et modernum Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae; volentes quod praedictus Willielmus Vicecomes *Brouncker* in officio Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae, à datu praeſentium uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae proximùm ſequentem

William Lord Viſcount Brouncker, named to be the firſt Preſident; to continue ſo till the next St. Andrew's Day, and till another (out of the Council) ſhould be

chosen and ſworn.

tem[1] poſt datum praeſentium, continuabit, et quouſque unus alius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtente ad officium illud debito modo electus praefectus et juratus fuerit, juxta ordinationem et proviſionem in his praeſentibus inferius expreſſam et declaratam, (ſi praedictus Willielmus Vicecomes *Brouncker* tam diu vixerit;) ſacramento corporali, in omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangentia, benè et fideliter exequendum, ſecundum veram intentionem harum praeſentium, coram praedilecto et perquam fideli conſanguineo et conſiliario noſtro Edwardo Comite *Clarendon* Cancellario noſtro Angliae priùs praeſtito, (cui quidem Edwardo Comiti *Clarendon* Cancellario noſtro praedicto ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus,) in haec verba ſequentia, viz. I WILLIAM VISCOUNT BROUNCKER *doe promiſe to deale faithfully and honeſtly in all things belonging to the truſt committed to me, as Preſident of the Royall Society of London for improving naturall knowledge, dureing my employment in that capacity; So help me God!*

He himſelf to be firſt ſworn in before the Lord Chancellor.

The Preſident's Oath.

The firſt Council named.

ASSIGNAVIMUS etiam conſtituimus et fecimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris facimus, dilectos nobis et fideles Robertum *Moray* Militem unum a ſecretoribus noſtris conciliis in regno noſtro Scotiae; Robertum *Boyle* Armigerum, Willielmum *Brereton* Armigerum filium primogenitum Baronis de *Brereton*, Kenelmum *Digby* Militem praechariſſimae matri noſtrae Mariae Reginae Cancellarium, [2] Gilbertum *Talbot* Militem jocalium noſtrorum Theſaurarium, Paulum *Neile* Militem unum Oſtiariorum camerae privatae noſtrae,

[1] *Sic in* Authent. *et aliquoties infra.*

[2] Sir *Gilbert Talbot* and Mr. *Hill* were not in the firſt Charter: They ſupply the Vacancies of Dr. *Wallis* and Dr. *Wren*.

Henricum

Henricum *Slingeſby* Armigerum unum Generoſorum praedictae privatae camerae noſtrae, Willielmum *Petty* Militem, Timotheum *Clarke* in medicinis Doctorem et unum Medicorum noſtrorum, Iohannem *Wilkins* in theologia Doctorem, Georgium *Ent* in medicinis Doctorem, Willielmum *Aerſkine* unum a poculis noſtris, Ionathan. *Goddard* in medicinis Doctorem et Profeſſorem Collegii de *Greſham*, Willielmum *Balle* Armigerum, Matthaeum *Wren* Armigerum, Iohannem *Evelyn* Armigerum, Thomam *Henſhaw* Armigerum, *Dudly Palmer* de *Greys Inn* in comitatu noſtro Middleſexiae Armigerum, [1] Abrahamum *Hill* de *London* Armigerum, et *Henricum Oldenburg* Armigerum, unà cum Praeſide praedicto, fore et eſſe primos et modernos viginti et unum de Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae; continuandos in officiis Concilii praedicti à datu praeſentium uſque ad praedictum feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli proximum ſequentem, et deinde, quouſque aliae idoneae perſonae et habiles et ſufficientes in officia praedicta electae praefectae et juratae fuerint (ſi tam diu vixerint, aut pro aliqua juſta et rationabili cauſa non amotae [2] fuerint;) ſacramentis corporalibus coram Praeſide pro tempore exiſtente praedictae Regalis Societatis, ad officia ſua bene et fideliter in omnibus et per omnia officia illa tangentia exequendum, priùs praeſtandis, ſecundum formam et effectum praedicti ſacramenti, mutatis mutandis, Praeſidi Regalis Societatis praedictae per Cancellarium noſtrum Angliae adminiſtrandi; (cui quidem Praeſidi pro tempore exiſtenti ſacramenta praedicta adminiſtrare perſonis praedictis, et aliis quibuſcunque in poſterum de tempore in tempus in Concilium praedictum eligendis, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus per praeſentes;) Et quod eaedem perſonae ſic, ut praefertur, ad Con-

To continue till next St. Andrew's Day, and till others ſhall be elected and ſworn, unleſs amoved for juſt Cauſe; having firſt taken, before the Preſident, the like Oath as he took, mutatis mutandis.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.   [2] *Sic in* Authent.

cilium praedictae Regalis Societatis electae praefectae et juratae, et in poſterum eligendae praeficiendae et jurandae de tempore in tempus, erunt et exiſtent auxiliantes conſulentes et aſſiſtentes in omnibus materiis rebus et negotiis meliores [1] regulationem gubernationem et directionem praedictae Regalis Societatis, et cujuſlibet Membri ejuſdem, tangentibus ſeu concernentibus.

The Preſident, Council and Fellows, or any nine or more of them (of whom, &c,) may hold Aſſemblies at any Time or Place in London, or within ten Miles of it.

Concedimus etiam Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Societatis praedictae et eorum in perpetuum ſucceſſoribus, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores eorum, ſeu aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus) conventus ſeu congregationes de ſeipſis pro experimentorum et rerum naturalium cognitione et indagine aliiſque negotiis ad Societatem praedictam ſpectantibus, quoties et quando opus fuerit, licite facere et habere poſſint in collegio ſive aula ſive alio loco commodo intra civitatem noſtram Londini, vel in aliquo alio loco commodo intra decem milliaria ab eadem civitate noſtra.

The Preſident, Council and Fellows, or any thirty-one or more of them (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be one) or the major Part of ſuch thirty-one or more, may, upon every St. Andrew's Day annually, elect one of the Council to be their Preſident; who ſhall continue ſo, (if not dead or amoved,) till

Et vlterivs volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod Praeſes Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtentes, ſive aliqui triginta et unus vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) ſeu major pars praedictorum triginta et unius vel plurium, de tempore in tempus perpetuis futuris temporibus poteſtatem et authoritatem habeant et habebunt nominandi et eligendi, et quod eligere et nominare poſſint et valeant, quolibet anno in praedicto feſto Sancti

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

Andreae

Andreae, unum de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtente, qui ſit et erit Praeſes Regalis Societatis praedictae uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli exinde proximum ſequentem (ſi tam diu vixerit, aut interim pro aliqua juſta et rationabili cauſa non amotus fuerit,) et exinde quouſque unus alius in officium Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit; quodque ille poſtquam ſic ut praefertur electus et nominatus fuerit in officium Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae, antequam ad officium illud admittatur ſacramentum corporale coram Concilio ejuſdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, ad officium illud recte bene et fideliter in omnibus officium illud tangentibus exequendum praeſtabit, ſecundùm formam et effectum praedicti ſacramenti, mutatis mutandis; (cui quidem Concilio, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare, pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus, quotieſcunque Praeſidem eligere opus fuerit, damus et concedimus per praeſentes;) et quod poſt hujuſmodi ſacramentum ſic ut praefertur praeſtitum, officium Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli exinde proximum ſequentem exequi valeat et poſſit: Et ſi contigerit Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtentem aliquo tempore, quamdiu fuerit in officio Praeſidis ejuſdem Regalis Societatis, obire, decedere, vel ab officio ſuo amoveri; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae eorumque in perpetuum ſucceſſoribus, ſive aliquibus undecim vel pluribus eorum, convenire vel congregari ad eligendum unum de praedicto numero Concilii praedicti in Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae; et quod ille, qui per Concilium

the next St. Andrew's Day, and till another ſhall be elected; having firſt been ſworn in before the Council, or any ſeven or more of them.

On the Death or amotion of a Preſident, or if he quits, the Council or any eleven or more of them may meet to chooſe a Preſident out of the Council: and the Perſon choſen by them, or the major Part of them, being ſworn, ſhall hold during

the Reſidue of the Year, and until another ſhall be elected and ſworn.

lium praedictum, vel per praedictos undecim vel plures, vel per majorem partem praedictorum undecim et plurium, electus fuerit et juratus, ut praefertur, officium illud habeat et exerceat durante reſiduo ejuſdem anni, et quouſque alius ad officium illud debito modo electus et juratus fuerit, ſacramento corporali in forma ſupra ſpecificata prius praeſtando; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit.

On the death, amotion, or quitting of any of the Council, (who are hereby made amoveable by the Preſident and Council for ſufficient Cauſe,) the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any twenty-one or more of them (of whom, &c,) or the major Part of ſuch twenty-one or more, may ſupply the Vacancy from amongſt the Fellows: And the Perſon or Perſons elected ſhall hold, (being firſt ſworn,) till the next St. Andrew's Day, and until another or others ſhall be elected.

Et vlterivs volumus, quod quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtente mori, vel ab officio illo amoveri, vel decedere; quos quidem de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae et eorum quemlibet pro male ſe gerendis aut aliqua alia rationabili cauſa amobiles eſſe volumus, ad beneplacitum Praeſidis et caeterorum de Concilio praedicto (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) vel majoris partis eorundem; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae eorumque in perpetuum ſucceſſoribus, vel aliquibus viginti uni vel pluribus eorundem (quorum Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) vel majori parti praedictorum viginti et unius vel plurium, unum alium vel plures alios de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, loco ſive locis ipſius vel ipſorum ſic mortuorum decedentium vel amotorum, ad ſupplendum praedictum numerum viginti et unius perſonarum de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae nominare eligere et praeficere; et quod ille ſive illi ſic in officio illo electi et praefecti idem officium habeat et habeant uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli tunc proximum ſequentem, et exinde quouſque unus alius vel plures alii electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit, electi prae-

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fecti et nominati fuerint; ſacramento corporali ad officium illud in omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangentia, coram Praeſide et Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus,) bene et fideliter exequendum, ſecundùm veram intentionem praeſentium, prius praeſtando.

On St. Andrew's Day, *Ten* of the Council (but no more) are to be changed by the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any thirty-one or more of them (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy always to be one,) or the major Part of ſuch thirty-one or more.

ET VLTERIVS volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui, ſive aliqui triginta et unus vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus) ſive major pars praedictorum triginta et unius vel plurium quolibet anno, in praedicto feſto Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem habeant et habebunt eligendi nominandi praeficiendi et mutandi decem de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, ad ſupplendum loca et officia decem praedicti numeri viginti et unius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae; quoniam regiam voluntatem noſtram eſſe declaramus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus, quod decem de Concilio praedicto, et non amplius, per Praeſidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae annuatim mutati et amoti fuerint.

The Preſident may appoint *One* out of the Council to be his Deputy;

VOLVMVS etiam, et pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, quod ſi contigerit Praeſidem ejuſdem Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtentem aegritudine vel infirmitate detineri, vel in ſervitio

noſtro

noſtro heredum vel ſucceſſorum noſtrorum verſari, vel aliter eſſe occupatum, ita quod neceſſariis negotiis ejuſdem Regalis Societatis officium Praeſidis tangentibus attendere non poterit, quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit eidem Praeſidi ſic detento verſato vel occupato, *unum* de Concilio Praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtente, fore et eſſe *Deputatum* ejuſdem Praeſidis, nominare et appunctuare; qui quidem Deputatus, in officio Deputati Praeſidis praedicti ſic faciendus et conſtituendus, ſit et erit Deputatus ejuſdem Praeſidis, de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, durante toto tempore, quo praedictus Praeſes in officio Praeſidis continuaverit; *niſi* interim praedictus Praeſes Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtens unum alium de praedicto Concilio ejus Deputatum fecerit et conſtituerit; Et quod quilibet hujuſmodi Deputatus praedicti Praeſidis, ſic ut praefertur faciendus et conſtituendus, omnia et ſingula, quae ad officium Praeſidis praedictae Regalis Societatis pertinent ſeu pertinere debent, vel per praedictum Praeſidem virtute harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium limitata et appunctuata fore [1] facienda et exequenda, de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, durante tali tempore, quo Deputatus praedicti Praeſidis continuaverit, facere et exequi valeat et poſſit, vigore harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium, adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout Praeſes praedictus, ſi praeſens eſſet, illa facere et exequi valeret et poſſet; ſacramento corporali ſupra ſancta Dei Evangelia in forma et effectu ſupra ſpecificatis per hujuſmodi Deputatum, ad omnia et ſingula, quae ad officium Praeſidis pertinent bene et fideliter exequendum, coram praefato Concilio praedictae Rega-

Who may act as ſuch in his Abſence, unleſs the Preſident makes ſome other Deputy out of the Council.

The Deputy may, in the Abſence of the Preſident, do all Acts that he himſelf could do if preſent.

But he muſt firſt be ſworn before the Council, or ſeven or more of them.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

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lis Societatis, vel aliquibus [1] ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, prius praeſtando; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit; cui quidem Concilio, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore exiſtente [2], ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare poteſtatem et authoritatem, quoties caſus ſic acciderit, damus et concedimus per praeſentes, abſque brevi commiſſione ſive ulteriori warranto in ea parte a nobis heredibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris procurando ſeu obtinendo.

The Society may have a Treaſurer, two Secretaries, two or more Curators of Experiments, one Clerk or more, and two Serjeants at Mace to attend upon the Preſident. All theſe are to be choſen and named by the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any Thirty-one or more of them, (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be one,) or by the major Part of ſuch Thirty-one or more: And they muſt be ſworn before the Preſident or his Deputy, and the Council, or any ſeven or more of them.

Et vlterivs volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui de caetero in perpetuum habeant et habebunt unum Theſaurarium, duos Secretarios, Curatores experimentorum duos vel plures, Clericum unum vel plures, et praeterea duos Servientes ad clavas qui de tempore in tempus ſuper Praeſidem attendant; quodque praedicti Theſaurarius Secretarii Curatores Clericus vel Clerici et Servientes ad clavas, per Praeſidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae, ſive per aliquos triginta et unum vel plures eorum (quorum praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) vel per majorem partem praedictorum triginta et unius vel plurium, eligendi et nominandi, antequam ad officia ſua ſpecialia et reſpectiva exequendum admittantur, ſacramenta ſua corporalia in forma et effectu ſupra ſpecificatis, coram Praeſide vel ejus Deputato, et Concilio ejuſdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, officia ſua ſeparalia et reſpectiva in omnibus illa tangentibus

[1] N. B. This Number of *ſeven* is *not* leſſened by the third Charter as to the two *new* Oaths there enjoined: But as to this *Oath* of *Office*, *five* are made ſufficient.

[2] *Sic in* Authent.

tibus recte bene et fideliter exequendum praeſtabunt; et quod poſt hujuſmodi ſacramenta ſic ut praefertur praeſtita, officia ſua reſpectiva exerceant et utantur; quibus quidem Praeſidi et Concilio, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, ſacramenta praedicta de tempore in tempus adminiſtrare praedictis ſeparalibus et reſpectivis officiariis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus per praeſentes.

The firſt Treaſurer named; and alſo the two firſt Secretaries.

Et aſſignavimus nominavimus elegimus creavimus conſtituimus et fecimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris aſſignamus nominamus eligimus creamus conſtituimus et facimus dilectos ſubditos noſtros praedictum Willielmum *Balle* Armigerum fore et eſſe primum et modernum Theſaurarium, et praedictum [1] Iohannem *Wilkins* et Henricum *Oldenburg* fore et eſſe primos et modernos Secretarios praedictae Regalis Societatis, continuandos in eiſdem officiis uſque ad praedictum feſtum Sancti Andrae Apoſtoli proximum ſequentem poſt datum praeſentium:

On every St. Andrew's Day, (unleſs it be Sunday, and then on the next Day,) the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any Thirty-one or more of them (of whom, &c,), or the major Part of ſuch Thirty-one or more, may elect proper Perſons, out of the Council, to be Treaſurer and Secretaries; who, after being ſworn, are to hold their Offices till the following St. Andrew'sDay.

Quodque de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora, in praedicto feſto Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli (ſi non fuerit dies Dominicus, et ſi fuerit dies Dominicus, tunc die proximo ſequente) Praeſes Concilium et Sodales praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtentes, ſive aliqui triginta et unus vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) ſive major pars praedictorum triginta et unius vel plurium, probos et diſcretos viros de tempore in tempus in Theſaurarium et Secretarios, qui ſunt et erunt de numero Concilii Regalis Societatis praedictae, eligere nominare et praeficere valeant et poſſint; quodque illi qui in ſeparalia et reſpectiva officia praedicta ſic ut praefertur electi praefecti et jurati fuerint, officia illa reſpec-

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

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tiva exercere et gaudere poſſint et valeant uſque ad praedictum feſtum Sancti Andreae extunc proximum ſequentem, ſacramentis ſuis praedictis ſic ut praefertur priùs praeſtandis; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit. Et ſi contigerit electiones praedictas Praeſidis .Concilii, Theſaurarii, Secretariorum, vel alicujus vel aliquorum eorum, in feſto Sancti Andreae praedicto commode fieri vel perfici non poſſe, damus et concedimus praedictis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus, et ſucceſſoribus eorum in perpetuum, quod ipſi, vel aliqui triginta et unus vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) vel major pars praedictorum triginta et unius vel plurium, licite poſſint nominare et aſſignare unum alium diem, quam proxime ad feſtum Sancti Andreae praedictum commode fieri poterit, pro electionibus praedictis faciendis vel perficiendis; et ſic de die in diem, donec praedictae electiones perficiantur. Et ſi contigerit aliquem vel aliquos officiariorum praedictorum ejuſdem Regalis Societatis obire, decedere, vel ab officiis ſuis reſpectivis amoveri, quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et eorum ſucceſſoribus in perpetuum, ſive aliquibus viginti et uni vel pluribus eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) ſeu majori parti praedictorum viginti et unius vel plurium, alium vel alios in officium ſive officia illarum perſonarum ſic defunctarum decedentium ſive amotarum eligere et praeficere; et quod ille ſive illi ſic electus et praefectus electi et praefecti officia praedicta reſpectiva habeant et exerceant durante reſiduo ejuſdem anni, et quouſque alius ſive alii ad officia illa reſpectiva debito modo electus et juratus fuerit, electi et jurati fuerint; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit.

If the Elections of Preſident, Council, Treaſurer, and Secretaries, or any of them, can't conveniently be made or finiſhed upon St. Andrew's Day, the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any Thirty one, or more of them, (of whom, &c,) or the major Part of ſuch Thirty-one, or more, may appoint one or more other Day or Days, till they ſhall be finiſhed.

If any of the ſaid Officers die, quit, or be amoved, the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any Twenty-one, or more of them (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be one,) or the major Part of ſuch Twenty-one, or more, may elect others for the Reſidue of the Year, and till new ones ſhall be elected and ſworn.

The Preſident and Council, (*every* Member of the Council being always duly ſummoned to extraordinary Meetings,) or any Nine or more of them, (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be one) may meet, in London, or within ten Miles of London; and they, or the major Part of them, may make Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, and tranſact all Matters relating to the Management of the Society and its Affairs; and all their Acts ſhall be valid: But their Statutes muſt be reaſonable, and not contrary to Law.

Et insuper volumus, ac de gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, quod Praeſes et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtentes (praemiſſâ ſemper in conventibus extraordinariis omnium Membrorum Concilii praedicti debita ſeu legitima ſummonitione vel citatione) ſive aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) pariter congregare et aſſemblare poſſint et valeant in collegio ſive aula ſive alio loco conveniente intra civitatem noſtram Londini, vel in aliquo alio loco conveniente intra decem milliaria ab eadem civitate noſtra; et quod ipſi ſic congregati et aſſemblati, ſive major pars eorum, habebunt et habeant plenam authoritatem poteſtatem et facultatem de tempore in tempus condendi conſtituendi ordinandi faciendi et ſtabiliendi hujuſmodi leges ſtatuta jura ordinationes et conſtitutiones, quae eis aut eorum majori parti bona ſalubria utilia honeſta et neceſſaria juxta eorum ſanas diſcretiones fore videbuntur, pro meliori gubernatione regulatione et directione Regalis Societatis praedictae et cujuſlibet Membri ejuſdem, omniaque ad gubernationem res bona facultates redditus terras tenementa hereditamenta et negotia Regalis Societatis praedictae ſpectantia agendi et faciendi; quae omnia et ſingula leges ſtatuta jura ordinationes et conſtitutiones ſic ut praefertur facienda volumus, et per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris firmiter injungendo praecipimus et mandamus, quod de tempore in tempus inviolabiliter obſervata fuerint, ſecundum tenorem et effectum eorundem: Ita tamen, quod praedictae leges ſtatuta jura ordinationes et conſtitutiones ſic ut praefertur facienda, et eorum quaelibet, ſint rationabilia, et non ſint repugnantia nec

contraria legibus conſuetudinibus juribus ſive ſtatutis hujus regni noſtri Angliae.

Et vlterivs de ampliori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praeſidi [1] *Concilio et Sodalibus* praedictae Regalis Societatis, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, *ſive aliquibus viginti et uni vel pluribus eorum* (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus) *ſeu majori parti praedictorum viginti et unius vel plurium*, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus eligendi nominandi et conſtituendi unum vel plures Typographos ſive Impreſſores, et Chalcographos ſeu Sculptores, et ipſi vel ipſis per ſcriptum communi Sigillo praedictae Regalis Societatis ſigillatum, et manu Praeſidis pro tempore exiſtentis ſignatum, facultatem concedendi, ut imprimant tales res materias et negotia praedictam Regalem Societatem tangentia vel concernentia, quales praedicto Typographo vel Impreſſori, Chalcographo ſeu Sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impreſſoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus per Praeſidem et Concilium Praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquos ſeptem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) vel per majorem partem praedictorum ſeptem vel plurium, commiſſae fuerint; ſacramentis ſuis corporalibus, antequam ad officia ſua exercenda admittantur, coram Praeſide et Concilio pro tempore exiſtente, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, in forma et effectu ultimis [2] ſpecificatis, prius praeſtandis; quibus quidem Praeſidi et Concilio, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum,

The Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any twenty-one or more of them, (of whom the Preſident, or his Deputy to be always one.) or the major Part of ſuch twenty-one or more, may appoint one Printer or more, and one Engraver or more, and authorize them, by writing under the common Seal, and ſigned by the Preſident, to print ſuch Things (touching or concerning the Royal Society) as ſhall be given them in Charge by the Preſident and Council, or any 7 or more of them (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be one,) or the major Part of ſuch ſeven or more. They muſt be firſt ſworn before the Preſident and Council, or ſeven or more of them.

[1] V. poſt, p. 52.   [2] *Sic in* Authent.

ſacramenta praedicta adminiſtrare plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus per praeſentes.

The Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any nine or more of them (of whom, &c,) or the major Part of ſuch nine or more, ſhall have the ſame Right to demand and receive (by their Aſſignee or Aſſignees) the Bodies of executed Criminals, and to anatomize them, as the College of Phyſicians and the Company of Surgeons of London uſe or enjoy.

Et vlterivs; quod praedicti Praeſes Concilium et Sodales praedictae Regalis Societatis in philoſophicis ſuis ſtudiis meliorem ſortiantur effectum, de ampliori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus praedictis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui, ſive aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) ſive major pars praedictorum novem vel plurium, de tempore in tempus, habeant et habebunt plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus, et ad talia tempeſtiva tempora, ſecundum eorum diſcretionem, per aſſignatum vel aſſignatos ſuos requirere capere et recipere cadavera talium perſonarum, quae mortem manu carnificis paſſae fuerunt, et ea anatomizare, in tam amplis modo et forma, et ad omnes intentiones et propoſita, prout Praeſidens Collegii Medicorum et Societatis Chirurgorum civitatis noſtrae *London* (quibuſcunque nominibus duae praedictae corporationes inſignitae fuerint) eiſdem cadaveribus uſi vel gaviſi fuerunt, aut uti vel gaudere valeant et poſſint.

Licence is given to them or any nine (as laſt above) or the major Part of them, to hold a Correſpondence, on Philoſophical,

Et vlterivs, pro melioratione experimentorum artium et ſcientiarum praedictae Regalis Societatis, de abundantiori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in

in perpetuum, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui, ſive aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) ſive major pars praedictorum novem vel plurium, de tempore in tempus habeant et habebunt plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem per literas vel epiſtolas, ſub manu praedicti Praeſidis vel ejus Deputati, in praeſentia Concilii vel aliquorum ſeptem vel plurium eorum, et in nomine Regalis Societatis, mutuis intelligentiis fruentur [1] et [2] negotiis cum omnibus et omnimodis peregrinis et alienis, utrum privatis vel collegiatis, corporatis vel politicis, abſque aliqua moleſtatione interruptione vel inquietate [3] quacunque: PROVISO tamen, quod haec indulgentia noſtra ſic, ut praefertur, conceſſa ad ulteriorem non extendatur uſum, quam particulare beneficium et intereſſe praedictae Regalis Societatis in materiis ſeu rebus philoſophicis mathematicis aut mechanicis.

Mathematical, or Mechanical Subjects, with all Sorts of Foreigners, by Letters ſigned by the Preſident or his Deputy, in the Preſence of the Council, or any Seven or more of them, and in the Name of the Society.

ET VLTERIVS dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, ſive Praeſidi et Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae vel majori parti eorum, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem erigendi aedificandi et extruendi, aut erigi aedificari et extrui faciendi vel cauſandi, intra civitatem noſtram Londini, vel decem milliaria ab eadem, unum vel plura collegium vel collegia cujuſcunque modi et qualitatis, pro habitatione aſſemblatione et congregatione praedictorum Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſorum ſuorum, ad negotia ſua et alias res ean-

Licence given to the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or to the Preſident and Council, or the major Part of them, to build a College or Colleges in London, or within ten Miles of it.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.
[2] In the firſt Charter, it is "*notitiis*": v. ante, p. 16.
[3] *Sic in* Authent.

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dem Regalem Societatem concernentes ordinandum et diſponendum.

If any Abuſes ſhall happen, or Diſſenſions ariſe, they ſhall be reformed and ſettled by the Earl of Clarendon (Lord Chancellor) alone, if living; and after his Death, by the Archbiſhop of Canterbury, the Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal, the Treaſurer, Privy Seal, Biſhop of London, and two principal Secretaries, for the Time being, or any four or more of them.

ET VLTERIVS volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris ordinamus conſtituimus et appunctuamus, quod ſi aliqui abuſus vel diſcrepantiae in poſterum orientur et accident de gubernatione aut aliis rebus vel negotiis praedictae Regalis Societatis, unde ejuſdem conſtitutioni ſtabilimini et ſtudiorum progreſſui vel rebus et negotiis aliqua inferatur injuria vel impedimentum; quod tunc et toties per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris authorizamus nominamus aſſignamus et conſtituimus praefatum praedilectum et perquam fidelem conſanguineum et conſiliarium noſtrum Edwardum Comitem de *Clarendon* Cancellarium noſtrum regni noſtri Angliae, per ſeipſum durante vita ſua, et poſt ejus mortem, tunc Archiepiſcopum Cantuarienſem, Cancellarium vel Cuſtodem magni Sigilli Angliae, Theſaurarium Angliae, Cuſtodem privati Sigilli, Epiſcopum Londinenſem, et duos principales Secretarios pro tempore exiſtentes, aut aliquos quatuor vel plures eorum, eaſdem diſcrepantias et abuſus reconciliare componere et reducere.

General Clauſes.

ET VLTERIVS volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris firmiter injungendo praecipimus et mandamus omnibus et ſingulis Iuſtitiariis, Majoribus, Aldermannis, Vicecomitibus, Ballivis, Conſtabulariis, et aliis officiariis miniſtris et ſubditis noſtris heredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum quibuſcunque, quod de tempore in tempus ſint auxiliantes et aſſiſtentes praedictis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, eorumque in perpetuum ſucceſſoribus, in omnibus et per omnia, ſecundum veram intentionem harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium.

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Eo, quod expreſſa mentio de vero valore annuo, vel de certitudine praemiſſorum ſive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis ſive conceſſionibus per nos ſeu per aliquem progenitorum ſive praedeceſſorum noſtrorum praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae ante haec tempora factis, in praeſentibus minime facta exiſtit, aut aliquo ſtatuto actu ordinatione proviſione proclamatione ſive reſtrictione in contrarium inde antehac habitis factis editis ordinatis ſive proviſis, aut aliqua alia re cauſa vel materia quacunque, in aliquo non obſtante.

In cuius rei teſtimonium has Lieteras noſtras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste Me ipſo apud Weſtmonaſterium, viceſimo ſecundo die Aprilis, anno regni noſtri decimo quinto.

Per breve de privato ſigillo.

HOWARD.

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CHARTA TERTIA,

Iiſdem ab eodem conceſſa, *A. D.*

MDCLXIX.

CAROLVS SECVNDVS Dei gratia Angliae Scotiae Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, fidei Defenſor, etc, omnibus ad quos hae Literae noſtrae patentes pervenerint, ſalutem.

SCIATIS, quod nos de gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus dilectis et fidelibus noſtris *Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali promovenda,* et

et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, totam illam peciam terrae arabilis vocatam *Teamſhott*, continentem per aeſtimationem viginti acras, jacentem inter viam noſtram ducentem a Weſtmonaſterio verſus *Chelſey*, ex parte boreali et occidentali, et peciam prati continentem per aeſtimationem quatuor acras, parcellam octodecim acrarum prati nuper in tenura Comitis Nottinghamienſis vel aſſignatorum ſuorum, ex parte auſtrali, ac clauſum prati vocatum *Stone-bridge Cloſe* ex parte orientali, et peciam terrae arabilis nuper in occupatione Thomae *Evans* vel aſſignatorum ſuorum, ex parte occidentali; per particularia inde mentionata eſſe annualis redditus, ſive valoris, viginti trium ſolidorum et quatuor denariorum; Nec non totum illum praedictum clauſum prati vocatum *Stony Bridge Cloſe*, continentem per aeſtimationem quatuor acras, nuper in occupatione Iohannis *Deakes* vel aſſignatorum ſuorum, jacentem inter rivum vocatum *Le Common Sewer* ex parte orientali, et praedictam peciam terrae vocatam *Teamſhott* ex parte occidentali, et pontem vocatum *Stony Bridge* ex parte boreali; per particularia inde mentionata eſſe annualis redditus, ſive valoris, viginti ſolidorum; Nec non totam illam unam peciam terrae arabilis in communi campo vocato *Eaſt-Field*, continentem per aeſtimationem tres acras, nuper in occupatione Thomae *Frances* vel aſſignatorum ſuorum, jacentem inter praedictam peciam terrae vocatam *Teamſhott* ex parte orientali, peciam terrae arabilis nuper in tenura Comitis Lincolnienſis vel aſſignatorum ſuorum, ex parte occidentali, parcellam prati de *Earles-Court Land*, ex parte auſtrali, et viam noſtram ducentem a Weſtmonaſterio verſus *Chelſey* praedictam, ex parte boreali et occidentali; per particularia inde mentionata eſſe annualis redditus ſive valoris quatuor ſolidorum; (quae quidem praemiſſa ſunt aut olim fuerunt parcella terrae noſtrae in *Chelſey*, exiſtentis

Grant of Lands in Chelſey.

parcellae terrae Dominicalis Manerii de *Chelſey* praedicta, ac nuper fuerunt parcella poſſeſſionum Iohannis nuper Ducis Northumbriae; et quae nuper per praechariſſimum avum noſtrum beatae memoriae Iacobum Regem, per Literas ſuas patentes, gerentes datum apud Weſtmonaſterium octavo die Maii anno regni ſui Angliae octavo et Scotiae quadrageſimo tertio, conceſſa fuerunt aut mentionata eſſe conceſſa Praepoſito et Sociis Collegii Regis Iacobi in *Chelſey* prope *London* ex fundatione ejuſdem Iacobi Regis Angliae, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum; tenendum de praefato Iacobo Rege, ut de manerio ſuo de *Eaſt Greenwich* in comitatu Cantiae, per fidelitatem tantum, in libero et communi ſoccagio, et non in capite, nec per ſervitium militare;) Ac etiam omnia et ſingula domus aedificia ſtructuras boſcos ſubboſcos arbores, ac totam terram fundum et ſolum eorundem boſcorum ſubboſcorum et arborum, ac omnia alia jura juriſdictiones francheſias privilegia libertates proficua commoditates advantagia emolumenta et hereditamenta noſtra quaecunque, cum eorum pertinentiis univerſis, cujuſcunque ſint generis naturae ſeu ſpeciei, ſeu quibuſcunque nominibus ſciantur cenſeantur nuncupentur ſeu cognoſcantur, ſituata jacentia et exiſtentia provenientia creſcentia renovantia ſive emergentia infra comitatum villas campos loca ſive hamletas praedicta, vel alibi ubicunque, praedictis terris et caeteris praemiſſis vel alicui inde parcellae quoquo modo ſpectantia; Necnon reverſionem et reverſiones omnium et ſingulorum praemiſſorum ſuperius per praeſentes praeconceſſorum, et cujuſlibet inde parcellae, dependentes vel expectantes de in vel ſuper aliquam dimiſſionem vel conceſſionem pro termino vel terminis vitae vel vitarum vel annorum, aut aliter de praemiſſis ſuperius per praeſentes praeconceſſis ſeu de aliqua inde parcella quoquo modo factam, exiſtentem de recordo vel

non de recordo; Necnon omnia et ſingula redditus et annualia proficua quaecunque reſervata ſuper quibuſcunque dimiſſionibus vel conceſſionibus de et ſuper praemiſſa per praeſentes praeconceſſa, vel de et ſuper aliquam inde parcellam.

Dedimus etiam et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali promovenda, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, quod ipſi et eorum ſucceſſores de caetero in perpetuum habeant teneant et gaudeant, ac habere tenere et gaudere valeant et poſſint, infra praemiſſa ſuperius per praeſentes praeconceſſa, ac infra quamlibet inde parcellam, tot tanta talia eadem hujuſmodi et conſimilia jura juriſdictiones libertates francheſias conſuetudines privilegia proficua commoditates advantagia emolumenta et hereditamenta quaecunque, quot quanta qualia et quae, ac adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout praedictus Iohannes nuper Dux Northumbriae, aut praedictus Praepoſitus et Socii Collegii Regis Iacobi in *Chelſey* prope *London* ex fundatione ejuſdem Iacobi Regis Angliae, aut aliquis alius ſive aliqui alii, praedicta terras tenementa et caetera praemiſſa cum ſuis pertinentiis, aut aliquam inde parcellam, unquam antehac habentes poſſidentes aut ſeiſiti inde exiſtentes, habens poſſidens aut ſeiſitus inde exiſtens, unquam habuerunt tenuerunt uſi vel gaviſi fuerunt, habuit tenuit uſus vel gaviſus fuit, ſeu habere tenere uti vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit, in praemiſſis ſuperius per praeſentes praeconceſſis, aut aliqua inde parcella, ratione vel praetextu alicujus chartae doni conceſſionis vel confirmationis per nos ſeu aliquem progenitorum vel anteceſſorum noſtrorum nuper Regum vel Reginarum Angliae antehac habitorum fac-

torum vel conceſſorum ſeu confirmatorum, aut ratione vel praetextu alicujus actus Parliamenti vel aliquorum actuum Parliamentorum, aut ratione vel praetextu alicujus legitimae praeſcriptionis uſus ſeu conſuetudinis antehac habitorum ſeu uſitatorum, aut aliter quocunque legali modo jure ſeu titulo; ac adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout nos aut aliquis progenitorum vel anteceſſorum noſtrorum nuper Regum vel Reginarum Angliae praedicta terras tenementa et caetera praemiſſa, aut aliquam inde parcellam, habuimus et gaviſi fuimus aut habuerunt et gaviſi fuerunt, ſeu habere et gaudere debuimus aut habere et gaudere debuerunt aut debuit.

Damus ulterius, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus, praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali promovenda, et eorum ſucceſſoribus, omnia et ſingula praemiſſa ſuperius per praeſentes praeconceſſa, cum eorum pertinentiis univerſis, adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout ea omnia et ſingula praemiſſa, aut aliqua inde parcella, ad manus noſtras, ſeu ad manus aliquorum progenitorum vel anteceſſorum noſtrorum nuper Regum vel Reginarum Angliae, ratione vel praetextu diſſolutionis vel furſum redditionis alicujus nuper monaſterii prioratus ſive hoſpitalis, aut ratione vel praetextu alicujus actus Parliamenti vel aliquorum actuum Parliamentorum, aut ratione alicujus attincturae ſive foriſfacturae, aut ratione alicujus excambii vel perquiſiti, aut alicujus doni vel conceſſionis, aut ratione eſchaetae, aut quocunque alio legali modo jure ſeu titulo devenerunt ſeu devenire debuerunt, ac in manibus noſtris jam exiſtunt ſeu exiſtere debent vel debuerunt: habendum tenendum et gaudendum praedicta terras tenementa et hereditamenta, ac caetera omnia

*Tenure.

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et ſingula praemiſſa ſuperius per praeſentes praeconceſſa, cum eorum pertinentiis univerſis, praefato Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali promovenda, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum; tenendum de nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris, ut de manerio noſtro de *Eaſt Greenwich* in comitatu noſtro Cantiae, per fidelitatem tantum, in libero et communi ſoccagio, et non in capite, nec per ſervitium militare; ac reddendum annuatim nobis heredibus et ſuccesſoribus noſtris de et pro praedicta terra arabili vocata *Teamſhott* viginti tres ſolidos et quatuor denarios, ac de et pro praedicto clauſo prati vocato *Stony Bridge Cloſe* viginti ſolidos, ac de et pro praedicta pecia terrae arabilis in communi campo vocato *Eaſt Field* quatuor ſolidos legalis monetae Angliae, ad feſta Sancti Michaelis Archangeli et Annunciationis beatae Mariae Virginis, ad receptam Scaccarii noſtri Weſtmonaſterii heredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum, ſeu ad manus Ballivorum, ſeu Receptorum praemiſſorum pro tempore exiſtente[a], per aequales portiones annuatim ſolvendas in perpetuum. Rent.

Et ulterius de uberiori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefato Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod nos heredes et ſucceſſores noſtri de caetero in perpetuum annuatim, et de tempore in tempus, exonerabimus acquietabimus et indempnes conſervabimus, tam praefatos Praeſidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſores ſuos, quam pradicta terras tenementa et caetera omnia et ſingula praemiſſa ſuperius expreſſa et ſpecificata ac per praeſentes praeconceſſa, et quamlibet inde parcellam, Exonerations, Acquittances, &c.

[a] *Sic in* Authent. *et paſſim infra.*

cum eorum pertinentiis univerſis, de et ab omnibus et omnimodis corrodiis redditibus feodis ſervitiis annuitatibus penſionibus portionibus ac denariorum ſummis ac oneribus quibuſcunque de praemiſſis, ſeu aliqua inde parcella, nobis heredibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris exeuntibus vel ſolvendis, vel ſuperinde verſus nos heredes vel ſucceſſores noſtros oneratis vel onerandis; praeterquam de redditibus ſervitiis et tenuris ſuperius in his praeſentibus nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris reſervatis, ac praeterquam de dimiſſionibus et conceſſionibus de praemiſſis ſeu de aliqua inde parcella antehac factis, ac conventionibus et conditionibus in iiſdem exiſtentibus, ac conventionibus et oneribus, quae aliquis firmarius ſeu aliqui firmarii praemiſſorum ratione indenturarum et dimiſſionum ſuarum facere et exonerare tenetur ſeu tenentur.

Volumus etiam, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris firmiter injungendo praecipimus, tam Commiſſionariis pro theſauro noſtro, Theſaurario, Camerario, Subtheſaurario, et Baronibus Scaccarii noſtri heredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum pro tempore exiſtente, quam omnibus et ſingulis Auditoribus, et aliis officiariis, et miniſtris noſtris heredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum quibuſcunque pro tempore exiſtente; quod ipſi et eorum quilibet ſuper ſolam demonſtrationem harum Literarum noſtrarorum patentium, vel irrotulamenti earundem, abſque aliquo alio brevi ſeu warranto a nobis heredibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris quoquo modo impetrando ſeu proſequendo, plenam integram debitamque allocationem et exonerationem manifeſtam de et ab omnibus et omnimodis hujuſmodi corrodiis redditibus feodis penſionibus portionibus et denariorum ſummis ac oneribus quibuſcunque (praeterquam de ſervitiis redditibus tenuris ac arreragiis redditus ac caeteris praemiſſis

miſſis in his praeſentibus, ut praefertur, reſervatis, et per praefatos Praeſidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſores ſuos ſolubilibus fiendis [1] ſeu performandis) de praemiſſis per praeſentes praeconceſſis, ſeu de aliqua inde parte vel parcella, nobis heredibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris exeuntibus ſeu ſolvendis, vel ſuperinde verſus nos heredes vel ſucceſſores noſtros oneratis ſeu onerandis, praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis facient, et de tempore in tempus fieri cauſabunt: Et hae Literae noſtrae patentes, vel irrotulamentum earundem, erunt de tempore in tempus, tam dictis Commiſſionariis pro theſauro noſtro, Theſaurario, Cancellario, et Baronibus Scaccarii noſtri heredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum pro tempore exiſtente, quam omnibus et ſingulis Auditoribus, et aliis officiariis, et miniſtris noſtris heredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum quibuſcunque pro tempore exiſtente, ſufficiens warrantum et exoneratio in hac parte.

Recital of ſome Parts of the Second Charter.

ET CVM NOS per Literas noſtras patentes, gerentes datum apud Weſtmonaſterium viceſimo ſecundo die Aprilis, anno regni noſtri decimo quinto, Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae factas, inter alia conceſſimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, quod ſi contigerit Praeſidem ejuſdem Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtente aegritudine vel infirmitate detineri, vel in ſervitio noſtro heredum vel ſucceſſorum noſtrorum verſari, vel aliter eſſe occupatum, ita quod neceſſariis negotiis ejuſdem Regalis Societatis officium Praeſidis tangentibus attendere non poterit; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit eidem Praeſidi ſic detento verſato vel occupato *unum* de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtente,

[1] *Sic in* Authentic.

ſtente, fore et eſſe *Deputatum* ejuſdem Praeſidis, nominare et appunctuare; qui quidem Deputatus, in officio Deputati Praeſidis praedicti ſic faciendus et conſtituendus, ſit et eſſet Deputatus ejuſdem Praeſidis de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, durante toto tempore, quo praedictus Praeſes in officio praeſidis continuaverit; *niſi interim* praedictus Praeſes Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtente unum aliquem de praedicto Concilio ejus Deputatum fecerit et conſtituerit. Et quod quilibet hujuſmodi Deputatus praedicti Praeſidis, ſicut praefertur faciendus et conſtituendus, omnia et ſingula quae ad officium Praeſidis praedictae Regalis Societatis pertinent ſeu pertinere debent, vel per praedictum Praeſidem virtute iſtarum Literarum noſtrarum patentium limitata et appunctuata fore,[a] facienda et exequenda, de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, durante toto tempore, quo Deputatus praedicti Praeſidis continuaverit, facere et exequi valeat et poſſit, vigore iſtarum Literarum noſtrarum patentium, adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout Praeſes praedictus, ſi praeſens eſſet, illa facere et exequi valeat et poſſit; ſacramento corporali ſuper ſancti Dei Evangelia, in forma et effectu in eiſdem Literis noſtris patentibus ſpecificatis, per hujuſmodi Deputatum, ad omnia et ſingula quae ad officium Praeſidis pertinent bene et fideliter exequendum, coram praefato Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis vel aliquibus *ſeptem* vel pluribus eorum, prius praeſtando; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit; cui quidem Concilio, vel aliquibus *ſeptem* vel pluribus eorum pro tempore exiſtente, ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare poteſtatem et authoritatem, quoties caſus ſic acciderit, dedimus et conceſſi-

[a] *Sic in* Authentic.

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mus per eaſdem Literas noſtras patentes, abſque brevi commiſſione ſive ulteriori warranto in ea parte à nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris procurandis ſeu obtinendis; Ac quod ipſi et ſucceſſores eorum, ſeu aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtente, vel ejus deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus) conventus ſeu congregationes de ſeipſis pro experimentorum et rerum naturalium cognitione et indagine aliiſque negotiis ad Societatem praedictam ſpectantibus, quoties et quando opus fuerit, licite facere et habere poſſint in collegio ſive aula ſive alio loco commodo [1] *intra civitatem noſtram* London, *vel in aliquo alio loco commodo intra decem milliaria ab eadem civitate noſtra:* Et cum diverſa et varia res poteſtates libertates et privilegia in iiſdem Literis noſtris patentibus praefato Praeſidi Concilio ac Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae conceſſa, virtute iſtarum Literarum noſtrarum patentium, non ſunt exercenda facienda performanda ſeu exequenda, niſi per praedictum Praeſidem et Concilium, aut aliquos ſeptem vel plures eorum; Et cum ulterius per praedictas Literas noſtras patentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum [2], ſive aliquibus *viginti et uni vel pluribus* eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtente, vel ejus Deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus) ſeu majori parti praedictorum *viginti et unius vel plurium*, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus eligendi nominandi et conſtituendi unum vel plures Typographos ſive Impreſſores, et Chalcographos ſeu Sculptores, et ipſi vel ipſis per ſcriptum communi Sigillo praedictae Regalis Societatis ſigillatum, et manu Praeſidis pro tempore exiſtente ſignatum,

It takes Notice that ſeveral Powers, granted by *that* Charter, cannot be executed but by the Preſident and Council, or *ſeven* or *more* of them; by virtue of *that* Charter.

[1] V. ante, p. 26. [2] V. ante, p. 35.

 facultatem

facultatem concedendi, ut imprimant tales res materias et negotia praedictam Regalem Societatem tangentia vel concernentia, quales praedictis Typographo vel Impreſſori, Chalcographo vel Sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impreſſoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus per Praeſidem et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquos ſeptem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtente, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) vel per majorem partem praedictorum ſeptem vel plurium commiſſa [1] fuerint; ſacramentis ſuis corporalibus, antequam ad officia ſua exercenda admittantur, coram Praeſide et Concilio pro tempore exiſtente, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, prius praeſtandis; cui quidem Praeſidi et Concilio, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore exiſtente, ſacramenta praedicta adminiſtrare plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem dedimus et conceſſimus per praedictas Literas noſtras patentes; prout in eiſdem Literis noſtris patentibus [2], relatione inde habita, plenius liquet et apparet.

This Charter directs that the Preſident's Deputy ſhall continue in Office, *although* the Preſident do appoint one or more others:

Nos de abundantiori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris, DEDIMUS et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, quod de caetero in perpetuum, ſi contigerit Praeſidem ejuſdem Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtente aegritudine vel infirmitate detineri, vel in ſervitio noſtro heredum vel ſucceſſorum noſtrorum verſari, vel aliter eſſe occupatum, ita quod neceſſariis negotiis ejuſdem Regalis Societatis officium Praeſidis tangentibus attendere non poterit; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit eidem Praeſidi ſic detento verſato vel occupato unum de Concilio

[1] *Sic in* Authent. [2] V. ante, p. 35.

praedictae

praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtente, fore et eſſe Deputatum ejuſdem Praeſidis, nominare et appunctuare; qui quidem Deputatis, in officio Deputati Praeſidis praedicti ſic faciendus et conſtituendus, ſit et erit Deputatus ejuſdem Praeſidis de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, durante toto tempore, quo praedictus Praeſes in officio Praeſidis continuaverit, *etiamſi* interim Praeſes Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtente *unum alium vel plures alios* de praedicto Concilio ejus Deputatum et Deputatos fecerit et conſtituerit; cui quidem Praeſidi pro tempore exiſtente *duos vel plures* de praedicto Concilio ejus Deputatos ipſo et eodem tempore facere et conſtituere poteſtatem et authoritatem, quoties ei placuerit, damus et concedimus per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris; Et quod quilibet hujuſmodi Deputatus et Deputati praedicti Praeſidis ſic ut praefertur faciendi et conſtituendi, omnia et ſingula quae ad officium Praeſidis praedictae Regalis Societatis pertinent ſeu pertinere debent, vel per praedictum Praeſidem virtute praedictarum Literarum noſtrarum patentium, vel praeſentium, limitata et appunctuata fore [1] facienda et exequenda de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, durante tali tempore, quo Deputatus et Deputati praedicti praeſidis continuaverit et continuaverint, facere et exequi valeat et poſſit valeant et poſſint, vigore harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium, adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout Praeſes praedictus, ſi praeſens eſſet, illa facere et exequi valeret et poſſet; ſacramento corporali ſuper ſancta Dei Evangelia, in forma et effectu in eiſdem Literis noſtris patentibus ſpecificatis, per hujuſmodi Deputatum et Deputatos ad omnia et ſingula, quae ad officium Praeſidis perti-

And it gives him expreſs Power to appoint *two* or *more* Deputies, out of the Council, at one and the ſame Time; who may, each of them, do the ſame Acts in his Abſence, as he himſelf could do if preſent.

But they muſt firſt be ſworn before the Council, or *five* or more of them.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

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nent, bene et fideliter exequendum, coram praefato Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquibus *quinque*[a] vel pluribus eorum, prius praeſtando; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit; cui quidem Concilio, vel aliquibus *quinque* vel pluribus eorum pro tempore exiſtente, ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare poteſtatem et authoritatem, quoties caſus ſic acciderit, damus et concedimus per praeſentes, abſque brevi commiſſione ſive ulteriori warranto in ea parte à nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris procurandis ſeu obtinendis;

For the future, the President, Council, and Fellows, or any nine of them (of whom the President or his Deputy to be always one,) may hold their Aſſemblies any where *within the Kingdom of* ENGLAND.

AC VLTERIVS, quod de caetero in perpetuum ipſi et ſucceſſores eorum, ſeu aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtente, vel ejus Deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus) conventus ſeu congregationes de ſeipſis pro experimentorum et rerum naturalium cognitione et indagine aliiſque negotiis ad Societatem praedictam ſpectantibus, quoties et quando opus fuerit, licite facere et habere poſſint in collegio ſive aula ſive alio loco commodo *infra regnum noſtrum Angliae*;

All Powers, &c, which could not be exerciſed heretofore but by the Preſident and Council, or *ſeven* or more of them, may for the future be exerciſed by the Preſident and Council, or any *five* or more of them.

AC VLTERIVS, quod omnia et ſingula res poteſtates libertates et privilegia in praedictis Literis noſtris patentibus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae conceſſa, virtute iſtarum Literarum noſtrarum patentium, quae non ſunt exercenda facienda performanda ſeu exequenda, niſi per praedictum Praeſidem et Concilium, aut aliquos *ſeptem* vel plures eorum; de caetero in pepetuum exerceri fieri performari ſeu exequi poſſint et valeant per praedictum Praeſidem et Concilium, aut aliquos *quinque* vel plures eorum.

AC VLTERIVS de uberiori gratia noſtra dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus

[a] N. B. The Oaths of Obedience and Supremacy require *ſeven*. V. poſt, p. 55.

mus et concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, quod de caetero in perpetuum bene liceat et licebit *Praeſidi* Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtente, de tempore in tempus eligere nominare et conſtituere aliquem vel aliquos Typographum ſive Impreſſorem, Typographos ſive Impreſſores, et Chalcographum ſeu Sculptorem, Chalcographos ſeu Sculptores, et ipſi vel ipſis facultatem concedere, ut imprimant tales res materias et negotia praedictam Regalem Societatem tangentia vel concernentia, quales praedictis Typographo vel Impreſſori, Chalcographo ſeu Sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impreſſoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus per Praeſidem et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquos *quinque* vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtente, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) vel per majorem partem praedictorum *quinque* vel plurium commiſſae fuerint; ſacramentis ſuis corporalibus, antequam ad officia ſua exercenda admittantur, coram Praeſide et Concilio pro tempore exiſtente, vel aliquibus *quinque* vel pluribus eorum, prius praeſtandis; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit; cui quidem Praeſidi et Concilio pro tempore exiſtente, vel aliquibus *quinque* vel pluribus eorum, ſacramenta praedicta adminiſtrare plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus per praeſentes.

For the future, the *Preſident* may appoint one Printer or more, and one Engraver or more, and authorize him or them to print ſuch Things (touching or concerning the Royal Society) as ſhall be given to him or them in Charge, by the Preſident and Council, or any *five* or more of them (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be one), or by the major Part of ſuch five or more. They muſt be firſt ſworn before the Preſident and Council, or any *five* or more of them.

Et vlterivs volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod hae Literae noſtrae patentes, vel irrotulamentum earundem, ſtant et erunt in omnibus et per omnia bonae firmae validae ſufficientes et effectuales in lege ad omnes reſpectus propoſita conſtructiones et intentiones erga et contra nos heredes et ſucceſſores noſtros,

General confirmatory Clauſes.

ſtros, tam in omnibus curiis noſtris, quam alibi infra regnum noſtrum Angliae, abſque aliquibus confirmationibus licentiis vel tolerationibus de nobis heredibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris quoquo modo in poſterum procurandis aut obtinendis;

Non obstante male nominando vel male recitando aut non recitando praedicta terras tenementa et caetera praemiſſa, vel aliquam inde parcellam; Et non obſtante non inveniendo officium aut inquiſitionem praemiſſorum, aut alicujus inde parcellae, per quae titulus noſter inveniri debuit, ante confectionem harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium; Et non obſtante male recitando vel non recitando aliquam dimiſſionem vel conceſſionem de praemiſſis vel de aliqua inde parcella factam, exiſtentem de recordo vel non de recordo; Et non obſtante male nominando vel non nominando aliquam villam hamletam parochiam locum vel comitatum, in quibus praemiſſa vel aliqua inde parcella exiſtunt vel exiſtit; Et non obſtante, quod de nobis tenentium firmariorum ſive occupatorum praemiſſarum, vel alicujus inde parcellae, plena vera et certa non fit mentio; Et non obſtante aliquibus defectibus[1] de certitudine vel computatione aut declaratione veri annui valoris praemiſſorum, aut alicujus inde parcellae; aut annualis redditus reſervati de et ſuper praemiſſis, vel de et ſuper aliqua inde parcella, in his Literis noſtris patentibus expreſſis et contentis; Et non obſtante ſtatuto in Parliamento Domini Henrici nuper Regis Angliae ſexti progenitoris noſtri, anno regni ſui decimo octavo, facto et edito; Et non obſtante aliquibus aliis defectis[2], in non certe nominando naturam genus ſpecei[3] quantitatem aut qualitatem praemiſſorum aut alicujus inde parcellae; Et non obſtante ſtatuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis, aut aliqu

[1] *Sic in* Authent. [2] *Sic* ibid. [3] *Sic* ibid.

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alio ſtatuto actu ordinatione proclamatione proviſione ſive reſtrictione in contrarium inde antehac habitis factis editis ordinatis ſeu proviſis, in aliquo non obſtante: SALVO tamen Andreae Colt Armigero et omnibus aliis perſonis quibuſcunque, praeterquam nos heredes et ſucceſſores noſtros, talia jus clameum intereſſe et demanda quaecunque, qualia ipſe vel ipſi ſeu eorum aliquis habet ſeu habeant, aut de jure habere debent *, de et in praemiſſis, ſeu aliqua parte vel parcella inde.

ET VLTERIVS volumus, et per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris ordinamus et firmiter injungendo praecipimus, quod Praeſes Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtente, et Deputati ejus, antequam ipſi aut eorum aliqui ad executionem officii illius admittantur, tam ſacramentum corporale communiter vocatum *The oath of* obedience, quam ſacramentum corporale communiter vocatum *The Oath of* ſupremacy, ſuper ſacroſanctis Dei Evangeliis praeſtabunt, et eorum quilibet praeſtabit, coram Concilio ejuſdem Societatis, aut aliquibus *ſeptem* vel pluribus eorum *, (cui quidem Concilio, aut aliquibus *ſeptem* vel pluribus eorum, ſacramenta praedicta adminiſtrare pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus, quotieſcunque opus fuerit, damus et concedimus per praeſentes).

The Preſident and Vice-Preſidents are enjoined to take the Oath of *Obedience* and the Oath of *Supremacy*, before the Council, or *ſeven* or more of them, previouſly to their acting.

PROVISO ſemper, et voluntas et intentio noſtra regia eſt quod terrae et praemiſſa praedicta per praeſentes, ut praefertur, conceſſa, ſeu eorum aliqua *non alienabuntur vel vendentur* alicui perſonae ſive aliquibus perſonis quibuſcunque; aliquo in praeſentibus contento in contrarium inde non obſtante.

* *Sic in* Authent.

* N. B. The Oath of Office may now be taken before *five* only. V. ante, p. 52.

Eo, quod expreſſa mentio de vero valore annuo vel de certitudine praemiſſorum ſive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis ſive conceſſionibus per nos ſeu per aliquem progenitorum ſive praedeceſſorum noſtrorum praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis de *London*, et ſucceſſoribus, ante haec tempora factis, in praeſentibus minime facta exiſtit; aut aliquo ſtatuto actu ordinatione proviſione proclamatione ſive reſtrictione in contrarium inde antehac habitis factis editis ordinatis ſive proviſis, aut aliqua alia re cauſa vel materia quacunque, in aliquo non obſtante.

In cujus rei teſtimonium has Literas noſtras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste Me ipſo apud Weſtmonaſterium, octavo die Aprilis, anno regni noſtri viceſimo primo.

Per breve de Privato Sigillo.

PIGOTT.

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A LICENCE for purchaſing in MORTMAIN to the yearly value of One thouſand pounds, granted to the Preſident, Council, and Fellows of the ROYAL SOCIETY of London, by King GEORGE the FIRST, in the year MDCCXXV.

GEORGE by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, *etc*, to all to whom theſe preſents ſhall come, greeting. WHEREAS our truſty and well beloved the Preſident Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of our city of London for improving natural knowledge have by their Petition humbly repreſented unto us, that our late royal predeceſſor, King Charles the Second, by Letters Patents [1], bearing date the Two and twentieth day of April, in the Fifteenth year of his reign, did ordain conſtitute and appoint the ſaid Royal Society of London for improving natural knowledge, and did thereby grant them *Licence to purchaſe in Mortmain*; that ſince the grant of the ſaid Letters Patents, ſeveral well-diſpoſed Perſons have deviſed and granted to the

[1] *So in the* Original.

Petitioners, and their ſucceſſors, divers lands and hereditaments, and given ſeveral ſums of money to them, for the uſe of the ſaid corporation; that the Petitioners being deſirous to inveſt the ſame money in the moſt durable manner, for the improvement of the ſaid corporation, have moſt humbly prayed us to grant to them our Royal Licence to hold and enjoy the lands and hereditaments, which have been deviſed and granted to them; to purchaſe hold and enjoy to them, and their ſucceſſors for ever, for the uſe and benefit of the ſaid corporation, ſuch manors lands tenements and hereditaments, as they ſhall think fit to purchaſe, or ſhall receive by will, or any deed of conveyance, not exceeding the yearly value of *One thouſand pounds*: We are graciouſly pleaſed to grant their requeſt. KNOW YE therefore, that we, of our eſpecial grace certain knowledge and meer motion, HAVE given and granted, and by theſe preſents for us our heirs and ſucceſſors DO give and grant, unto the Preſident Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of our city of London for improving natural knowledge aforeſaid, and their ſucceſſors, our eſpecial Licence, full power, and lawful and abſolute authority, to hold and enjoy the lands and hereditaments, which have been already deviſed or granted to the ſaid corporation, as aforeſaid; and alſo to purchaſe acquire take hold and receive in Mortmain, in perpetuity or otherwiſe, to or to the uſe of, or in truſt for them or their ſucceſſors, for the uſe and benefit of the ſaid corporation, from any perſon or perſons, bodies politic and corporate, their heirs and ſucceſſors reſpectively, ſuch manors lands tenements rents or hereditaments, as they ſhall think fit to purchaſe, or ſhall receive by writ, or any deed of conveyance, not exceeding the yearly value of One thouſand pounds above all charges and reprizes. AND we do

hereby alſo for us our heirs and ſucceſſors give and grant our eſpecial Licence, full power, and lawful and abſolute authority, to any perſon or perſons, bodies politic or corporate, their heirs and ſucceſſors reſpectively, to grant alien ſell convey and diſpoſe of in Mortmain, in perpetuity or otherwiſe, to or to the uſe of or in truſt for the Preſident Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of our city of London for improving natural knowledge aforeſaid, and their ſucceſſors, any manors lands tenements rents or hereditaments whatſoever, not exceeding the yearly value of One thouſand pounds. AND LASTLY, we do hereby, for us our heirs and ſucceſſors, grant unto the Preſident Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of our city of London for improving natural knowledge aforeſaid, and their ſucceſſors, that theſe our Letters Patents, or the Inrollment or Exemplification thereof, ſhall be in and by all things good firm valid ſufficient and effectual in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof; NOTWITHSTANDING the not rightly naming or deſcribing any of the manors lands tenements rents or hereditaments already deviſed or granted to the ſaid corporation, or to be granted deviſed aliened or diſpoſed of in Mortmain to them, and their ſucceſſors, in fee or otherwiſe, as aforeſaid; or any other omiſſion imperfection defect matter cauſe or thing whatſoever to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding. IN WITNESS whereof we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents. WITNESS Our ſelf at Weſtminſter, the Seventeenth day of December, in the Eleventh year of our reign.

By writ of Privy Seal.

COCKS.

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STATUTES

OF THE

ROYAL SOCIETY of LONDON:

Made in the Year 1776.

P R E F A C E.

THE Statutes of the Royal Society were, for the moſt part, formed in the year 1663: An abſtract of the Charters and Laws was publiſhed in the year 1667, in SPRAT's Hiſtory of the Royal Society; and in the year 1752, the Council publiſhed an Edition of their Charters and Statutes, as they *then* ſtood.

The Laws of the Royal Society, like thoſe of other communities, were altered from time to time, until they appeared ſufficient to embrace every contingency that might occur, while they held their meetings in Greſham College; which they continued to do for near the ſpace of fifty years. But the arrangement of the Society's affairs being ſomewhat altered upon poſſeſſing an Houſe of their own, it became neceſſary to make different eſtabliſhments in many particulars; and to alter

and augment ſome of their Statutes. However, the greater part of them was ſtill left in the original form, ſuited to the ſituation of the Society at Greſham College.

The Edition of the Statutes in the year 1752, gave them as above deſcribed; together with a few additions, calculated to ſuit particular circumſtances. But ſtill many parts of them were not accommodated to the preſent times, nor to the change of place, and what depended thereon: neither was the order or connection of the chapters ſufficiently attended to.

The Council have now judged it neceſſary, for various reaſons, to review, new-model, and correct their Statutes, ſo as better to ſuit the preſent times and circumſtances; to digeſt them in a more methodical order; and to give a new Edition of them, ſo reviſed, digeſted, and arranged.

They have alſo judged it expedient to premiſe a ſuccinct account why ſome of the Statutes were altered, and why others were totally abrogated.

It had been the uſage, for upwards of the firſt ſixty years, to nominate and approve in *Council*, all Candidates for being Fellows, previouſly to their being propoſed to the *Society* for Election; and they were enjoined to appear for Admiſſion within four weeks after their Election. But, about the year 1727, objections having ariſen to the ſhort time of four weeks, ſome allowances were made to perſons reſiding above forty miles from London; and in the year 1730, the preſent mode of propounding for Election, and fixing the certificate up for ten weeks in the Meeting-room, was ſettled. In the year

1753, it was enacted, that payment of the admiſſion fee, and ſigning a bond for annual payments, were neceſſary to entitle a perſon to be publickly acknowledged a Member, after his Election; and in the years 1761, 1766, 1769, and 1770, ſome regulations were judged neceſſary to be made concerning the recommendation and election of Foreigners.

In the Statutes concerning the payments by the Fellows to the Society, ſeveral alterations became neceſſary; not only on account of forming anew the Chapter *of the Treaſurer*; but alſo on account of each Fellow's receiving *gratis* a volume of the Philoſophical Tranſactions yearly. For, the charge of printing the Tranſactions for the uſe of the Members, having much increaſed the yearly expenſe of the Society; it was judged reaſonable and proper to advance the admiſſion fee from *two* to *five* guineas; and afterwards, for other reaſons, it was agreed that inſtead of *twenty*, *twenty-ſix* guineas ſhould be paid in lieu of giving bond for annual contributions.

In the Chapter of the Election of the Council and Officers, a clauſe was added, in the year 1735 (on account of the great increaſe of Members) permitting every Fellow to deliver his three liſts at the ſame time, at the Anniverſary Elections; notwithſtanding the apparent impropriety of voting for perſons to be *Officers*, before it could be known that they would be elected Members of the new Council.

Of the Treaſurer. At firſt, when the Society were not in poſſeſſion of much ready money, it was judged neceſſary that the Fellows ſhould pay their weekly contributions once a quarter; and the Treaſurer's accompts were to be audited quarterly. He was not to have more than 20 l. in his hands at a time:

All ſurplus was to be locked up in the iron cheſt; there being then no Public Funds: but the buſineſs of the Treaſurer, as well as the mode of collecting the contributions from Members, having been long conducted in a manner very different from what was at firſt appointed; the Statutes relating to the Treaſurer have therefore been new formed, agreeably to the modern practice which has been in uſe for many years.

Of the Secretaries. The great alterations in the circumſtances of the Society, together with the regulations concerning the publication of their Tranſactions, have rendered it neceſſary to alter the chapter relating to the Secretaries, and to have ſome additions made to it, with regard to the papers read to the Society, and their publication.

Of the Clerk. The ſtatutes concerning the Clerk, mentioned in the publication of 1752, were ſuch as ſuited the Society at their firſt inſtitution, and while they continued at Greſham College, when they had little or no concerns with rents, taxes, repairs, &c. And as every Officer had but little buſineſs to do for the Society, beſides what was done at the uſual Meetings, few rules for them, were found wanting, and as few for their Muſeum and Library; which, being in the Galleries of that College, the reſident Profeſſors had an Eye over thoſe Collections: but, when the Society became poſſeſſed of a Houſe of their own, fit for their Meetings and Curioſities (which happened in the Year 1710) it was found neceſſary to have a reſident Officer, who ſhould have the care of the Houſe, and of the neceſſary preparations for the Meetings, and alſo the care of the Library and Repoſitory. However, as the Society's finances rendered a conſiderable degree of frugality convenient, it was determined (under the Preſidentſhip of Sir

Iſaac Newton) that one and the ſame perſon ſhould ſupply the places of Clerk, Librarian, Keeper of the Repoſitory, and Houſekeeper, and alſo officiate as Mace-bearer, and as Deputy to the Treaſurer.

The articles in the chapter of the publication of the Tranſactions, and their delivery, which were inſerted in the Edition of 1752, concerning the Clerk's account of the books iſſued out, are omitted; as he is now reſponſible for them in another way. Another article in the ſame chapter is alſo omitted, concerning the admiſſion fee, as being included in the new chapter of the payment of the Fellows.

Several additions are made to the former ſtatutes relating to the books and papers; to declare the Society's power over the papers read to them; and alſo to inform the Fellows how they may conſult the books in the Society's Library. The articles of the Regiſter and Letter-books are now totally omitted; becauſe the continuation of thoſe books has, many years ago, been found uſeleſs; other methods having been uſed to preſerve the original papers not publiſhed, as well as thoſe which are publiſhed, at a rate much leſs expenſive.

The Office of Curator was at firſt thought ſo eſſential, that the Society allotted to it a ſalary more conſiderable than any one of the public Profeſſors received at that time, beſides the apartments they were to have in the Society's Houſe or College. But, as the Society's revenues have not, to this day, been ſufficient to enable them to aſſume the exterior ſplendor which, by their charter, it ſeems to have been imagined that they might in due time arrive at; the appointments of Curators, with large allowances, and of Serjeants at Mace

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&c. have hitherto been declined. Beſides, the experimental part of Philoſophy having begun, even in the early years of the Society, to be cultivated; ſeveral gentlemen procured apparatuſes, to ſatisfy themſelves in private; ſo that many years had not paſſed, before a conſiderable part of the Fellows were ſo well acquainted with the mode of making experiments, that ſuch accompliſhed Curators have not been found neceſſary; and, when Experimental Philoſophy arrived at ſuch popular Regard, as to be frequently explained in public Lectures, that kind of knowledge became more generally diffuſed. Several perſons, indeed, have formerly been actually employed by the Society as Curators; particularly, the Doctors Hooke and Deſaguliers. But neither of them ever had above 50l. a year; and that, not certain: it depended on the number of Experiments which they had exhibited to the Society in the preceding year. The chapter of the Statutes relating to this Office is therefore omitted in this Edition.

In like manner, at the inſtitution of the Society, the fabrication of Inſtruments for experiments was not commonly known to workmen; and therefore ſome ſtatutes were made concerning *Operators*, or perſons well acquainted with the uſe of tools in various works; who were at firſt judged neceſſary to attend the Meetings, to be ready to aſſiſt in any of the Experiments to be made before the Society: but the Experimental Philoſophers having long ſince taught and familiarized ſuch general knowledge, in working on things formerly unknown, particular Operators to the Society have been for many years found uſeleſs; as the different Artificers employed by them can now readily furniſh whatſoever is wanted.

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So a *Printer* to the Society, was an Officer that appeared neceſſary at the time when the ſtatutes concerning that office were eſtabliſhed: but the affairs of Printing and Bookſelling are ſo greatly altered ſince the inſtitution of the Society, that Printers and Bookſellers have for many years ſtood in no other relation to the Royal Society than any other Tradeſmen they employ; and particularly, ſince the Tranſactions have been printed under their own care. They themſelves now buy and pay for the paper; employ and pay the Printers and Engravers; correct and publiſh their own Works; and finally diſpoſe of to Purchaſers the ſurplus copies, above the number diſtributed amongſt their Members by their own Librarian.

Thus much ſeemed proper to be premiſed, in order to ſhew the grounds and reaſons of the alterations now made.

STATUTES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

CHAPTER I.

Of the Election and Admiſſion of Fellows.

I. NO perſon ſhall be propoſed, elected, or admitted a Fellow of the Society upon St. Andrew's day, or the day of the anniverſary meeting for electing the Council and Officers.

II. Every Fellow, that is to propoſe any perſon as a candidate, in order to election, ſhall, before the ſaid perſon be propoſed, make known to him the effect of the obligation to be ſubſcribed, and the ſum that is to be paid for admiſſion money, and the rate of the Annual payments, or the ſum to be paid in lieu of annual payments, for the occaſions of the Society.

III. Every perſon to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, ſhall be propoſed and recommended at a meeting of the Society by three or more Members; who ſhall then deliver to one of the Secretaries a paper, ſigned by themſelves, ſpecifying the name, rank, profeſſion, qualifications, and the

uſual place of reſidence of ſuch perſon; all which ſhall be certified from their perſonal acquaintance with him, or with his writings.

A fair copy of which paper, with the date of the day when delivered, ſhall be fixed up in the common meeting room of the Society at ten ſeveral ordinary meetings, before the ſaid candidate ſhall be put to the Vote: ſaving and excepting, that it ſhall be free for every one of His Majeſty's ſubjects, who is a Peer, or ſon of a Peer, of Great Britain or Ireland, and for every one of his Majeſty's Privy Council of either of the ſaid kingdoms; and for every Foreign Sovereign Prince, or the ſon of a Sovereign Prince, or an Ambaſſador to the Court of Great Britain, to be propoſed by any ſingle Member, and to be put to the Vote for Election on the ſame day, there being preſent twenty-one members at the leaſt, being the competent number for making Elections.

IV. In the Election of a perſon for a Fellow of the Society, the votes ſhall be taken by ballot, and no perſon ſhall be declared elected, unleſs he have in his favour two thirds of the numbers voting.

V. Every perſon, elected a Fellow, ſhall appear for his admiſſion on or before the fourth ordinary meeting of the Society, after his Election; or within ſuch further time as ſhall be granted by the Society or Council, upon cauſe ſhewed to either of them: otherwiſe his Election ſhall be void.

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VI. The Admiſſion of any Fellow into the Society ſhall be at ſome meeting thereof, in manner and form following; he having firſt ſubſcribed the obligation in the Charter-book. The Preſident, taking him by the hand, ſhall ſay theſe words: *I do, by the authority, and in the name, of* the Royal Society of London for improving natural knowledge, *admit you a Fellow thereof.*

VII. The Election, and alſo the payment and admiſſion of every perſon into the Society, with the time thereof, ſhall be recorded in the Journal-book.

VIII. No one of his Majeſty's ſubjects, or any other perſon reſiding in his Majeſty's Dominions, who ſhall be elected a Fellow of the Society, ſhall be deemed an actual Fellow thereof; nor ſhall the name of any ſuch perſon be printed in the annual Liſt of the Fellows of the Society, until ſuch perſon ſhall have paid his Admiſſion Fee, and given the uſual bond for the payment of contributions, or paid the ſum appointed in lieu of ſuch contributions: But that, upon ſuch payment, or giving Bond as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the Society to give leave for the name of ſuch perſon, ſo elected as aforeſaid, to be entered in the Journal-book, and printed in the liſt of the Society: Provided always, that no ſuch perſon ſhall have liberty to vote at any Election or meeting of the Society, before he ſhall have been admitted.

Any perſon reſiding in foreign parts, and not a ſubject of the Britiſh Dominions, who is deſirous of becoming a Fellow of this Society, ſhall have a certificate drawn up in his favour, ſpecifying his Chriſtian name, ſurname, works, quality or profeſſion,

with his place of reſidence, and ſigned by, at leaſt, three Fellows of the Society upon the Foreign liſt; who ſhall in ſuch certificate atteſt, of their perſonal knowledge, that ſuch Candidate, by his Philoſophical learning and abilities, is duly qualified, and likely to become an uſeful Member of the Society: and every ſuch candidate ſhall alſo have a certificate ſigned by, at leaſt, three Fellows on the Home liſt, who ſhall atteſt the preceding qualifications either of their own perſonal knowledge, or from the works or correſpondence of ſuch Candidate.

Such certificates ſo ſigned, after having been preſented to the Preſident in the chair, and read to the Society, ſhall be fixed up in their publick meeting room, and continue there from the 30th day of November to the 30th day of May next following; and the Names of ſuch Foreigners ſhall be read at the weekly meetings of the Society, during the ſaid term, as often as the Preſident ſhall direct. And at the weekly meeting of the Society, on, or next after, the 30th of May, annually, the number of Foreigners thus recommended ſhall be propoſed to the Society for election, and put to the ballot.

Provided always that this Regulation ſhall not extend to Sovereign Foreign Princes or their Sons (who, being propoſed, ſhall be put to the ballot immediately) nor to ſuch Foreigners who being at the time reſident, or having been reſident for the ſpace of ſix months in Great Britain, ſhall deſire to be elected into the Society, in the ſame manner, and upon the ſame conditions, with the home-members, paying their admiſſion fees and compoſition money.

CHAPTER II.

Of the Obligation to be ſubſcribed.

EVERY perſon elected a Fellow of the Society, ſhall, before his Admiſſion, ſubſcribe the obligation in theſe words following:

We who have hereunto ſubſcribed, do hereby promiſe each for himſelf, that we will endeavour to promote the good of the Royal Society of London for improving natural knowledge, *and to purſue the ends, for which the ſame was founded; that we will be preſent at the meetings of the Society, as often as conveniently we can, eſpecially at the anniverſary elections, and upon extraordinary occaſions; and that we will obſerve the Statutes and Orders of the ſaid Society. Provided, that whenſoever any of us ſhall ſignify to the Preſident under his hand, that he deſireth to withdraw from the Society, he ſhall be free from this Obligation for the future.*

And if any perſon elected ſhall refuſe to ſubſcribe the ſaid Obligation, the election of that perſon ſhall be void.

CHAPTER III.

Of the Payments by the Fellows to the Society.

I. EVERY perſon elected on the home liſt ſhall, before he is admitted a Fellow of the Society, pay to the uſe of the Society the ſum of five guineas for admiſſion money. And if any ſuch perſon ſhall refuſe or fail to pay the ſaid ſum, he ſhall not be admitted, and his election ſhall be void; except the ſaid ſum be remitted in whole, or in part, by ſpecial order of the Council.

II. Every perſon elected a Fellow on the home liſt ſhall, beſide the Admiſſion money, farther contribute towards the expences of the Society, previous to his admiſſion, either by paying the ſum of twenty-ſix guineas in lieu of all future contributions, or by executing a bond, thereby ſubjecting himſelf to a payment after the rate of one ſhilling by the week to the Society, ſo long as he ſhall continue a Fellow thereof; which continuance ſhall be accounted from the time of his election. PROVIDED that if the uſual place of reſidence of any ſuch perſon ſhall happen to exceed the diſtance of ſixty meaſured miles from London, ſuch perſon ſhall not be permitted to give Bond for the payment of ſuch contributions, but ſhall, before he be admitted, or his name be allowed to be printed in the liſt of Fellows, pay down the ſum of twenty-ſix guineas in lieu of ſuch contributions.

III. Every Fellow who hath given Bond may, at any time, compound for his future contributions, by paying at once the ſum of twenty-ſix guineas; which payment being made, his Bond ſhall be delivered up.

IV. For the more convenient receiving and collecting the contribution of one ſhilling by the week, to be paid by every Fellow who gives Bond as above mentioned, the ſame, amounting to fifty-two ſhillings by the year, ſhall be paid yearly to the twenty-fifth day of March, and in proportion for a part of a year, by any perſon elected after the beginning, or withdrawing from the Society before the ſaid end of the year.

V. Every Fellow of the Society, who pays contributions, ſhall upon the firſt, ſecond, or third weekly meeting of the Society next after the twenty-fifth of March in every year, bring or ſend in to the treaſurer, or his deputy, his yearly contribution of fifty-two ſhillings, or ſuch proportion of it as ſhall be then due. And if any Fellow ſhall fail to bring or ſend in the ſame as aforeſaid, except the ſaid payment be remitted in the whole, or in part, by ſpecial order of the council; his bond ſhall be put in ſuit for the recovery thereof, and he ſhall be liable to Ejection out of the Society; upon which the Council ſhall proceed as they ſhall ſee cauſe.

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CHAPTER IV.

Of the Death or Receſs of any Fellow.

UPON the Death, or the voluntary withdrawing, of any Fellow of the Society, one of the Secretaries ſhall note ſuch their Death or Receſs in the printed Liſt of that year againſt their names; and the Death, or withdrawing, of any Fellow ſhall be recorded in the Journal-book of the Society, among the Minutes of the proceedings of St. Andrew's day.

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CHAPTER V.

Of the Cauſes and Form of Ejection.

I. IF any Fellow of the Society ſhall contemptuouſly, or contumaciouſly, diſobey the Statutes or Orders of the Society or Council; or ſhall, by ſpeaking, writing, or printing, publickly defame the Society; or adviſedly, maliciouſly, or diſhoneſtly, do any thing to the damage, detriment, or diſhonour thereof, he ſhall be ejected out of the Society.

II. Whenſoever there ſhall be cauſe for the Ejection of any Fellow out of the Society, the Preſident ſhall, at ſome meeting thereof, propoſe the Ejection of ſuch Fellow; which being put to the Ballot, and two thirds of the members voting for it, the Preſident ſhall cancel his name in the Regiſter, and at the ſame time pronounce him ejected in theſe words:

> *I do, by the authority and in the name of the* Royal Society of London, for improving natural knowledge, declare A. B. to be now ejected, and no longer a Fellow thereof.

And the Ejection of every ſuch perſon ſhall be then recorded in the Journal-book of the Society; and his name, as ejected, be alſo read at the next Anniverſary Election.

CHAPTER VI.

Of the Election of the Council and Officers.

I. AT the two ordinary meetings of the Society, which ſhall be within the fifteen days next preceeding the day of the anniverſary elections, the Preſident ſhall give notice of the ſaid Elections; and declare, how much it importeth the good of the Society, that ſuch perſons may be choſen into the Council, as are moſt likely to attend the meetings and buſineſs of the Council, out of whom there may be made the beſt choice of a Preſident and other Officers.

II. Every Fellow of the Society, in or near London, or within the reach of the penny-poſt, and whoſe reſidence is known to the Clerk, ſhall be called to the anniverſary meetings, for electing the Council and Officers for the year enſuing, by particular ſummons ſigned by the Preſident; which ſummons ſhall be ſent to the houſe or lodging of every ſuch Fellow, a week at the leaſt before the ſaid day, together with printed liſts of the names of the Fellows of the Society. And the ſaid ſummons ſhall be to this effect.

Theſe are to give notice, that on the *day of* *being the Council and Officers of the* ROYAL SOCIETY *are* to be elected for the year enſuing; at which Election your preſence is expected, at of the clock in the

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III. For the anniverſary Election of the Council (which is to conſiſt of eleven Members of the preſent Council, to be continued for the year next enſuing; and ten of the Fellows, being no Members of the Council, to be added to them), there ſhall be a competent number of liſts printed of all the Fellows of the Society (excepting all the Members of the preſent Council), in an alphabetical order; and a competent number of the like liſts of all the Members of the preſent Council; both which liſts ſhall be diſtributed to all the Fellows of the Society, preſent at the Anniverſary Election.

IV. For the Election of the eleven Members of the preſent Council, to be continued for the year next enſuing, every Fellow ſhall on the printed liſt of the preſent Council, by a line drawn under each name, to the number of eleven and no more, ſignify the perſons, to whom he giveth his ſuffrage for their continuance, as aforeſaid: and cloſing up the ſaid liſt ſhall deliver it in to ſome perſon, appointed to collect and receive the ſame.

V. All the liſts being thus collected, one of the Secretaries ſhall open them one by one, and in the firſt place ſhall take notice of the number of the names diſtinguiſhed, as is before preſcribed, in each liſt (which if it be above eleven in any, the ſame liſt ſhall be laid aſide, and no notice taken of the ſuffrages therein), and ſhall recite every name ſo diſtinguiſhed; and the other Secretary ſhall, in a liſt for that purpoſe, note how often every ſeveral name is recited; and each of the Secretaries ſhall be aſſiſted by a Scrutator, to be drawn by lot

by the Preſident. This done, the Secretaries and Scrutators ſhall ſum up the ſuffrages according to the notes affixed to every name; or in caſe of the abſence of one or both the Secretaries, one or two Scrutators more (to be in like manner drawn by lot) ſhall ſupply their places; whereof two ſhall be employed in the peruſal of the liſts, and recital of the names, and the other two in the noting of the names recited, as is before preſcribed.

VI. After the noting and ſumming up of the votes, the Secretaries, or Scrutators, ſhall recite all the names of the preſent Council having any votes upon the preſent Scrutiny, with the number of the votes to every name; to the end, that all the perſons carrying the major part of the votes may be known be to thus elected, if they be not more in number than eleven. But if the perſons having the majority of votes be more than eleven, he or they that ſhall have the feweſt ſuffrages, ſhall be ſecluded, until the number be reduced to eleven; or to a leſſer number, if equality between perſons having the feweſt ſuffrages do ſo require. And if the perſons having the majority of votes, or the perſons remaining upon the aforeſaid reduction, ſhall not amount to the number of eleven, then all the reſt upon that liſt ſhall be put to the ſcrutiny again, and every Fellow ſhall mark, as before, ſo many, and no more, as are wanting; and the proceeding thereupon in all things ſhall be the ſame as before, until the number be compleat. And in caſe of equal diſtribution of votes, the number being greater than the number wanting, the proceeding ſhall be repeated upon the ſaid perſons; and if then they ſtill have equal votes, the Preſident ſhall ſeclude one by lot, and the reſt ſhall be put to the ſcrutiny again.

VII. For the Election of the ten Fellows not of the preſent Council, to be added to the former eleven, to conſtitute the Council for the year next enſuing, the proceedings upon the printed liſts of the Fellows of the Society ſhall be in all particulars obſerved, as upon the former liſts, according as the caſes ſhall require.

VIII. In caſe of ſecluſion of any member of the preſent Council, or of any other Fellow by lot, the ſame perſon ſhall be brought in again to paſs the ſcrutiny, by putting him in competition with one that hath the leaſt, or with more of thoſe that have the leaſt equal number of votes.

IX. Foraſmuch as the poſſible varieties in the equalities and proportions of ſuffrages diſtributed among ſeveral perſons, upon which Non-elections may happen, are ſo great and manifold, that it would be tedious to obviate them all in particular Statutes: if therefore any caſe ſhall happen not provided for, whereupon the Election cannot be made or perfected, the ſame ſhall be adjourned to the next convenient time; and the Council in the interim ſhall make proviſion, and offer ſome expedient to the Society for the effecting thereof.

X. For electing the Preſident, Treaſurer, and Secretaries, every Fellow preſent at the anniverſary Election of the Council ſhall, after the Election made for the Members of the new Council, put upon a diſtinct liſt ſeveral marks, firſt

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for the Preſident, next for the Treaſurer, and then for the Secretaries, to be choſen ſeverally out of the ſaid new Council, for the year enſuing; and the proceedings therein ſhall be after the ſame manner, ~~as is directed for the anniverſary~~ Elections of the Council.

XI. Whereas the number of the Members of the Royal Society is ſo large, as to render the Election of the Council and Officers ſo tedious, that many Members cannot attend during the whole time; therefore any Fellow being preſent ſhall be permitted, on the day appointed, during the time of the Society's ſitting for Election, to give in his three liſts altogether, or any two, or one of them; the ſeveral liſts being marked, one with a line drawn under each name of the eleven Members of the preſent Council, to be continued for the year enſuing; another marked in the ſame manner with the names of the ten Fellows not of the preſent Council, to be added to the former eleven; and a third marked with the ſeveral marks for the Preſident, for the Treaſurer, and for the two Secretaries. And the Secretaries and Scrutators ſhall put the ſaid liſts into the ſeveral boxes provided for that purpoſe, and ſhall note down the name of each Fellow giving in his liſts, and take notice, whether he gives in one, two, or all three liſts, at the ſame time. In all other reſpects to proceed in the ſame manner as preſcribed by the former Statutes.

XII. For electing any Member of the Council, or any Officer to be elected by the Society, upon ſuch vacancies as ſhall

ſhall happen in the intervals of the anniverſary Elections, the ſummons for ſuch Election, and the proceedings in it, ſhall be after the ſame manner as is directed for the anniverſary Elections.

XIII. Upon the vacancy of the Preſident's place, which ſhall happen in the intervals of the anniverſary Elections, the Treaſurer, or in his abſence one of the Secretaries, ſhall cauſe the Council to be ſummoned for the Election of a new Preſident; and the Council meeting thereupon in the uſual place, or any eleven or more of them, ſhall proceed to the ſaid Election, and not ſeparate until the major part of the number aforeſaid ſhall have agreed upon a new Preſident.

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CHAPTER VII.

Of the Preſident.

I. THE buſineſs of the Preſident ſhall be, to preſide in all the meetings, and regulate all the debates, of the Society, Council, and Committees; to ſtate and put queſtions both in the affirmative and negative, according to the ſenſe and intention of the meetings; to call for reports and accounts from Committees, and others; to check irregularities, and to keep all perſons to order; to ſummon all extraordinary meetings of the Society, Council, and Committees, upon any urgent occaſions; and to execute, or ſee to the execution of, the Statutes of the Society.

II. Whenſoever any queſtion ſhall be deſired to be put by any Fellow, at a meeting of the Society, Council, or Committee, and ſeconded by another, the Preſident ſhall put the ſame; unleſs, upon debate, the ſenſe of the meeting appear to be otherwiſe.

III. The Preſident ſhall take place of every Fellow of the Society, at their ordinary place of meeting; and alſo in all other places, where any number of the Fellows meet as a Society, Council, or Committee; and, being in the Chair, is to be covered, while ſpeaking unto or hearing particular Fellows, notwithſtanding their being uncovered.

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CHAPTER VIII.

Of the Treaſurer and his Accompts.

I. THE Treaſurer, or ſome perſon appointed by him, ſhall receive to the uſe of the Society all moneys, or ſums of money, due or payable to the Society; and out of ſuch moneys ſhall pay and diſburſe all moneys, or ſums of money, due from or payable by the Society, upon all occaſions; and ſhall keep particular Accompts of all ſuch receipts and payments.

II. Every ſum of money, payable to the uſe of the Society, of Five pounds or under, ſhall be paid by order of the Preſident, under his hand; and every ſum exceeding Five pounds ſhall be paid by order of the Council, ſigned by the Preſident, and regiſtered by the Secretary.

III. All moneys, or ſums of money, which there ſhall not be preſent occaſion for expending, or otherwiſe diſpoſing of to the uſe of the Society, ſhall be laid out, in ſuch government or other ſecurities, as ſhall be approved of and directed by the Council.

IV. The Treaſurer ſhall have and keep a yearly liſt of all ſuch Fellows of the Society as pay the ſum appointed in lieu

of annual contributions; and alſo of thoſe who pay the annual contributions of fifty-two ſhillings: and in this liſt ſhall be noted the times up to which the annual contributions have been paid, and the arrears due from each Fellow.

V. The Treaſurer ſhall alſo have and keep a Book of Cheque Receipts for annual contributions, each Receipt to be ſigned by himſelf; and to be filled up with the name of the Fellow paying, the ſum paid, and the time paid to: theſe Receipts to be underſigned by the perſon who ſhall receive the money on the Treaſurer's behalf, who, upon the delivery of the Receipt to the Fellow paying, is to enter upon that part of the Cheque which is left in the Book, the above particulars and alſo the day of payment.

VI. The Treaſurer ſhall take care ſo to regulate the annual contributions, that they ſhall all become due at Lady-day: and ſhall demand, or cauſe them to be demanded of ſuch Fellows who neglect their payments for half a year after they become due.

VII. The Accompts of the Treaſurer ſhall be audited annually, a ſhort time preceding the Anniverſary Elections, by a Committee conſiſting of five Members of the Council, of whom the Preſident and the Senior Secretary (or in his abſence the Junior) to be two; and of Five Fellows of the Society not Members of the Council, who are to be nominated by the Preſident, with the conſent of the major part of the Fellows preſent, given by ballot at one of the three next preceding

ceding weekly meetings: any three or more of the ſaid five Members of the Council, whereof the Preſident and one of the Secretaries ſhall be two, together with any three or more of the ſaid five Fellows, ſhall be a Quorum of the ſaid Committee: the Members of the ſaid Committee who are of the Council ſhall make their Report to the Council held next after ſuch Audit, on or before the Anniverſary Elections; and the Members of the ſaid Committee who are not of the Council ſhall make the Report to the Society, upon the meeting next before the Anniverſary Elections, or upon the day of the ſaid Elections.

VIII. The Treaſurer ſhall take care that the Writings of the Society's Eſtates, the Bonds given by the Fellows, the Policies of Inſurance, and other Securities, be lodged in the Society's Iron Cheſt.

CHAPTER IX.

Of the Secretaries.

I. THE Secretaries, or either of them, ſhall have inſpection over the Clerk; and ſhall give the Orders and Directions concerning the entering and writing of all minutes or matters in the Journal-books of the Society or Council, or any other books of the Society; alſo concerning any orders or other writings for the uſe and ſervice of the Society.

II. The Secretaries ſhall attend at all meetings of the Society, Council, and Committees of papers; where when the Preſident hath taken the Chair, the Senior Secretary ſhall read the minutes, orders, and entries, of the preceding meeting; and ſhall afterwards take minutes of the buſineſs and orders of the preſent meeting, to be entered by the Clerk in the reſpective books to which they relate: and at the meetings of the Society, the Junior Secretary ſhall mention the preſents made to them ſince the laſt meeting, ſhall give notice of any candidate that ſtands propoſed for election into the Society at that meeting, there being preſent a competent number for making elections; and ſhall read the letters and papers preſented to the Society in the order of time he received them, unleſs the Preſident ſhall otherwiſe direct.

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III. The Secretaries, or either of them, ſhall draw up all letters to be written to any perſons in the name of the Society or Council (to be read and approved of in ſome meeting of either reſpectively) except, for ſome particular cauſe or conſideration, ſome other perſon be appointed by the Society or Council to draw up any ſuch letter. They ſhall likewiſe have the charge (under the direction of the Committee of Papers) of printing the Philoſophical Tranſactions and correcting the Preſs.

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CHAPTER X.

Of the Clerk, Librarian, Keeper of the Repoſitory, and Houſe-keeper.

I. THE perſon who ſhall be choſen to any, or to all of theſe Offices, ſhall either not be a Fellow of the Society; or, if a Fellow, ſhall ceaſe to be ſo, upon his Election to and acceptance of any or all of the ſaid Offices.

II. He ſhall be competently ſkilled in languages, natural knowledge, and able to write a fair and legible hand.

III. The Election of the Clerk by the Society, ſhall be in the following manner.

The names of the ſeveral Candidates ſhall be printed and delivered to every Member; each of whom ſhall take off the name of ſuch Candidate as he means to vote for; and (after having had his own name marked in a liſt of the Members of the Society by the Secretary, aſſiſted by two Scrutators to be appointed in the ſame manner as at the anniverſary Elections), deliver the name of the Candidate ſo taken off, and folded up, into the hands of the Preſident, who, in the preſence of the Society, ſhall put the ſeveral names into a veſſel appropriated for that purpoſe; and the Candidate who ſhall be found to have the majority of votes, ſhall be deemed duly elected.

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IV. The appointment of a perſon to the other offices of Librarian, Keeper of the Repoſitory, and Houſe-keeper, is to be by the Council; to whom the Officer ſo appointed ſhall give ſecurity, at their diſcretion: he ſhall reſide in the Society's Houſe, and provide a Porter, who ſhall be furniſhed with a Gown and Staff at the expence of the Society.

V. The perſon or perſons choſen to officiate in the ſaid reſpective departments ſhall be paid for attendance, writing, and other buſineſs, according to the determinations already made by the Council, and as hath been the practice of late years; and ſhall not, beſides ſuch payments, receive any perquiſite or profit whatſoever, but what is, or ſhall be, expreſsly allowed by the Council: ſuch perſon or perſons ſhall be further ſubject to ſuch Rules and Orders as ſhall from time to time be given him or them by the Preſident and Council, beſides thoſe annexed to the duty of the ſeveral Offices; and ſhall conſtantly be in attendance, during all meetings of the Society, Council, and Committee.

Of the Duty of the Clerk.

I. HE ſhall enter all the minutes in the ſeveral Journal-books, and make an Index to every ſuch book: he ſhall lay before every Council their fair current minute-book; and before every Committee of papers, the Society's Journal-book, to ſhew that the ſeveral entries are fairly made: and he ſhall have the care of the writing of all ſummonſes of the Society, Council, and Commitees.

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II. The Clerk under the direction of the Secretaries, ſhall have the charge and cuſtody of the Charter-book, Statute-book, Journal-books of the Society and Council, Regiſter-books and Letter-books, as alſo of all papers and writings belonging to the Society; all which ſhall be kept in the houſe of the Society, that they may be in readineſs to be produced at any meetings of the Society or Council, as the caſe ſhall require, or as ſhall be ordered by the Society, Council, or Preſident.

III. The Clerk ſhall not ſuffer any perſon, not being a Fellow of the Society, to read any Journal-book, Record, or Writing, or any part thereof, belonging to the Society; nor give any copy thereof, nor any way communicate any thing contained therein, to any ſuch perſon.

IV. Each page of copying, for which the Clerk is to be paid, ſhall be eſtimated by the ſize of the Fools-cap paper; the *folio* page containing thirty lines fairly and cloſely written, with a margin not exceeding one fourth part of the page in breadth; and according to the ſame rate for any larger or ſmaller page.

Of the Duty of the Librarian.

I. THE Librarian ſhall attend the Libraries two days in the week during the meetings of the Society, viz. Tueſday and Thurſday in the morning from eleven to two of the clock; and during the receſſes of the Society only one day in the week, namely Thurſday from eleven to two. During theſe

times he ſhall attend for the accommodation of ſuch Fellows of the Society as ſhall come to read the printed books, or manuſcripts, and of any other perſons who ſhall bring a written permiſſion from the Preſident or any other Member of the Council, or who ſhall be introduced by a Fellow in Perſon.

II. The Librarian ſhall enter into the Catalogue all books preſented to, or bought by, the Society, immediately after their coming into the poſſeſſion of the Society, and ſo place them as to be readily found.

III. The Librarian ſhall receive from the Printer all the copies of the *Philoſophical Tranſactions*; deliver out one copy to each Member who ſhall aſk, or ſend for it at the Houſe of the Society; furniſh the Bookſellers with the copies ordered to be ſold; and keep a regular account of the Tranſactions ſo received and delivered.

The Duty of the Keeper of the Repoſitory.

I. HE ſhall attend the Repoſitory two days in the week, during the meetings of the Society, viz. on Mondays and Fridays, on each day from eleven of the clock in the forenoon to two in the afternoon; for the admiſſion of the Fellows of the Society and ſuch other perſons as they ſhall introduce.

II. He ſhall not, without leave of the Council, permit any thing to be taken out of the Repoſitory: and he ſhall enter into the Catalogue all particulars which are preſented to, or bought by, the Society.

III. He ſhall cauſe the Animals, which from time to time are appropriated to the Repoſitory, to be neatly ſet up for preſervation, and then placed in the proper caſes; agreeable to the order he ſhall receive from the Inſpectors of the Muſeum.

IV. He ſhall remark what is neceſſary for the preſervation, augmentation, and arrangement, of the ſeveral natural and artificial Productions; what particulars have not yet been deſcribed, and report the ſame to the Council.

Of the Duty of the Houſe-keeper.

I. HE ſhall always be ready to receive Meſſages, Parcels, Letters, &c. directed to the Society, Council, and Officers; and to cauſe all Orders, Summonſes and Letters of the Preſident, Council, and Committees to be ſent, or delivered, as directed, in proper time.

II. He ſhall take care that the Society's Houſe, and particularly the Meeting-room, and other public apartments, are kept clean; and that all conveniencies, with fires and candles in the proper rooms, be prepared and lighted at the times neceſſary; and that paper, pens, and ink, are in conſtant readineſs for uſe in every department: and ſhall inform the Council, from time to time, of whatſoever repairs he conceives to be wanting.

III. He

III. He ſhall have the care of the Keys of all the Rooms, Cloſets, Libraries, and Repoſitories, as well for their cleaning and repairing, as for ſecuring their contents, as much as poſſible, in caſe of fire, or other accident: and he ſhall officiate as Mace-bearer, and carry about the balloting-box.

IV. He ſhall, as Deputy to the Treaſurer, receive the payments of the Fellows; pay ſuch bills as he is directed to diſcharge; pay to the Treaſurer the balance in hand whenever called upon; keep a fair account of the Society's income and expence; and be allowed one ſhilling in the pound on the ſums which he receives, for his aſſiſtance to the Treaſurer.

CHAPTER XI.

Of the ordinary Meetings of the Society.

I. THE ordinary Meetings of the Society ſhall be weekly, upon Thurſday, beginning at ſix of the clock in the afternoon, and continue about an hour as uſual, at the diſcretion of the Preſident.

II. When the Preſident takes the chair, the reſt of the Fellows ſhall place themſelves orderly and conveniently for the buſineſs of the Meeting; and no ſtranger ſhall be permitted to be preſent during the Meeting, unleſs by order of the Preſident, or by leave obtained of the Society upon the motion of ſome Member before the Preſident takes the chair; and the name of every perſon ſo permitted to be preſent, and of the Fellow who moved for him, ſhall be entered in the Journal-Book.

III. When any Fellow ſpeaketh, he ſhall addreſs his ſpeech to the Preſident; and the reſt ſhall be ſilent.

IV. When two or more offer to ſpeak together, the Preſident ſhall determine which of them ſhall ſpeak firſt.

 V. The

V. The buſineſs of the Society in their ordinary Meetings ſhall be, to order, and take account of, philoſophical experiments and obſervations; to read and hear letters, reports, and other papers, concerning philoſophical matters; as alſo to view the Productions of nature and art: and thereupon to conſider what may be deduced from them, or any of them; and how far they, or any of them, may be improved for uſe or diſcovery.

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CHAPTER XII.

Of the ſelecting of Papers laid before the Society, in order for Publication.

I. THE Members of the Council of this Society, for the time being, ſhall conſtitute and be a ſtanding Committee of the ſaid Society, to whom the conſideration of the Publication of ſuch Papers, as ſhall have been read before, or communicated to, them at their weekly meetings, ſhall from time to time be referred; and that the ſaid Committee ſhall meet on the firſt Thurſday of every month, in which the Society ſhall hold their ordinary meeting, or at ſuch times as ſhall be appointed by the Preſident, or in his abſence by one of the Vice-Preſidents; and that due and ſufficient notice of ſuch meeting ſhall be ſent previouſly thereto, to every Member of the ſaid Committee.

II. That no leſs number than ſeven of the Members of the ſaid Committee (of which number the Preſident, or in his abſence a Vice-Preſident, always to be one) ſhall be a *Quorum*, capable of acting in relation to the ſaid Papers.

III. That the majority of the ſaid Committee, preſent at any meeting thereof, ſhall be at liberty to call in to their

aſſiſtance, at that or any other ſubſequent meeting, any other Members of the Society, who are knowing and well ſkilled in any particular branch of Science, that ſhall happen to be the ſubject-matter of any Paper, which ſhall be then to come under their deliberation; and that the perſons ſo called in to aſſiſt, although not Members of the Committee, may give their votes on all Papers to be conſidered at ſuch meeting at which they ſhall be deſired to aſſiſt, in the ſame manner as the Members of the ſaid Committee may do.

IV. That, at every meeting of the Committee, their method of proceeding upon the Papers to be conſidered by them ſhall be thus: the firſt entry in the Journal-book of the Society, relating to any paper, upon which the opinion of the Committee ſhall not have been taken, ſhall be read; and if any Member ſhall ſo deſire, the paper itſelf ſhall be read, but otherwiſe only the minute relating thereto: after which the queſtion ſhall be put, whether that paper ſhall be printed in the *Philoſophical Tranſactions*; unleſs the majority of the Committee ſhall be of opinion for adjourning the conſideration of it to a ſubſequent meeting: and the queſtion ſhall always be decided by ballot, which ſhall be taken and deemed to be carried or loſt, according as the greater number of balls ſhall be in the white or black drawer of the box: but if upon any queſtion the number of the balls ſhall be equal in each drawer of the box, the further conſideration of the queſtion ſhall be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee; and a minute ſhall be made for the taking that queſtion into conſideration, at the next meeting of the Committee, before any other buſineſs ſhall be entered upon; and the

the next entry in the Journal-book of the Society ſhall be proceeded upon in like manner; and after the queſtion ſhall have been decided as to that, the ſeveral others ſhall be proceeded upon, according to the order in which they reſpectively ſtand in the ſaid Journal-book of the Society: and that, when at the ſecond balloting upon the ſame queſtion there ſhall ſtill be an equality of votes, it ſhall be determined in the negative.

V. That whenſoever it ſhall appear by the ballot to be the ſenſe of the Committee, that any Paper ſhall be made public in the *Philoſophical Tranſactions*, an entry thereof ſhall be made in the Minute-book of the ſaid Committee.

CHAPTER XIII.

Of the Manner of Publication of the Papers laid before the Society.

I. THE *Philoſophical Tranſactions* ſhall be printed at the ſole charge, and for the ſole uſe and benefit, of the Society, and of the Fellows thereof; to the intent that each of the preſent Fellows, who actually contribute and pay towards the ſupport of the Society, or who have compounded for ſuch contribution, according to the rules and orders eſtabliſhed in relation thereto, or who have for other particular reaſons been exonerated and diſcharged from ſuch contribution by order of the Council, may receive *gratis* (but under proper limitations and reſtrictions) one copy of ſuch of the *Philoſophical Tranſactions*, as ſhall be printed as aforeſaid; and that all perſons, who ſhall hereafter be admitted Fellows, ſhall, under the ſame conditions, receive and be intitled to the like benefit and advantage.

II. That once, at leaſt, in every year, a proper portion of the Papers, which have been communicated to the Society, ſhall be printed under the name and title of *Philoſophical Tranſactions of the Royal Society of London*, and that the time and manner

of printing thoſe Papers ſhall be fixed and determined by the Council, as occaſion ſhall require. That ſuch a number of the copies ſo printed, as ſhall be ſufficient to ſupply the Fellows of the Society, ſhall be delivered to the Librarian of the Society; who ſhall enter in a book, to be provided for that purpoſe, the number of copies received by him, for which he ſhall be accountable to the Council for the time being.

III. The Librarian ſhall deliver *gratis*, at the Society's houſe, one of the ſaid copies to every Fellow of the Society (except as herein after excepted) who ſhall demand the ſame, either in perſon, or by letter or other writing under the hand of ſuch Fellow as ſhall not come in perſon to make ſuch demand: and the perſon ſo receiving a copy of ſuch *Philoſophical Tranſactions* ſhall at the ſame time ſign the abovementioned book, as having received the ſaid copy.

IV. In order that the Fellows may be apprized of the time when it will be proper for them to come or ſend for their reſpective copies, due and timely notice ſhall be given in ſome one or more of the public news-papers of the day upon which the Librarian will begin to deliver out the ſaid copies, as aforeſaid; which day ſhall be fixed and appointed by the Preſident for the time being.

Provided always, that no Fellow of the Society whatſoever ſhall be intitled to demand or receive any ſuch copy of the Tranſactions, whoſe annual contribution ſhall be one year in arrear; or whoſe Election and payment of admiſſion fees and regular Contributions ſhall not have preceded the date of the time publiſhed for the delivery of the ſaid Tranſactions; neither ſhall the

 Executor

Executor of any deceaſed Fellow receive a copy of the *Tranſactions* publiſhed after the death of ſuch Fellows.

Provided alſo, that no Fellow of the Society ſhall receive, or be intitled to receive, *gratis*, any copy or copies of the Tranſactions, ſo printed as aforeſaid, after one year ſhall be elapſed from the time of the Librarian's having begun to deliver out ſuch copies reſpectively ; but that his neglecting to demand them for ſo long a time ſhall be deemed a forfeiture and dereliction of his right thereto: unleſs the Council for the time being, upon their being made acquainted with the reaſon of, or ſome excuſe for, ſuch delay, ſhall *order* the ſame to be ſo delivered; ſuch *order*, however, not to extend further back than to the laſt five years preceding its date.

Provided alſo, that if the number of copies ſo to be printed as aforeſaid, ſhall be greater than what will be requiſite to ſupply each of the Fellows with one copy; ſuch ſupernumerary copies, as alſo all ſuch as ſhall remain in the hands of the Librarian after that five years ſhall be elapſed from the time of his having begun to deliver out ſuch copies reſpectively, ſhall be diſpoſed of, at ſuch times, and in ſuch manner, as the Council for the time being ſhall order and direct.

CHAPTER XIV.

Of the Books and Papers of the Society.

I. THERE ſhall be had and kept a Book, called the Charter-book, wherein ſhall be fairly written the copy of the Charters, all his Majeſty's grants on the behalf of the Society, and the obligation, to be ſubſcribed by the Fellows of the Society in their own hand-writing.

II. There ſhall be had and kept a Book, called the Statute-book, wherein ſhall be fairly written all the Laws, Statutes, and Conſtitutions made, or to be made, concerning the government and regulating of the Society or Council; and alſo a Regiſter of the Fellows of the Society, with the times of their Election and Admiſſion.

III. There ſhall be had and kept Journal-books for the Society and Council; wherein ſhall be entered all the minutes, orders, and the buſineſs of the Society and Council at their reſpective meetings.

IV. No

IV. No Fellow ſhall give any copy or tranſcript of any matter contained in the Journals, or other Books of the Society, to any one that is not a Member thereof; nor communicate the ſame to any ſuch perſon to be tranſcribed, without particular leave obtained of the Council; except the ſaid matter were originally brought in, or communicated by himſelf: but any Fellow of the Society may, at proper times, and in the Society's Houſe, have the liberty of inſpecting any article in the Journal-books of the Society.

V. The original copy of every Paper read at the Society ſhall be conſidered as the property of the Society, if there be no previous engagement with its Author to the contrary: but any Author may have a copy of his own papers by leave of the Council.

VI. All the papers read at the Society in the courſe of each year, not withdrawn by leave of the Council, ſhall be delivered to the Committee of Papers at their annual meeting; and ſhall be preſerved in Guard-books, for future inſpection; and ſhall never be lent out of the Society's Houſe without Order of the Council.

VII. Fellows of the Society may, between the hour of eleven in the forenoon and two in the afternoon, on the Tueſdays and Thurſdays during the meetings of the Society, and on Thurſdays during the receſſes of the Society, inſpect one or more of the printed Books in the Society's

Library;

Library; or of the Manuſcript Books, in the preſence of the Librarian: or any Fellow may, by leave obtained of the Society at an ordinary meeting, or of the Council, have the loan of any of the printed Books in the Library, not exceeding four volumes at a time, for ſix weeks, by giving his note, if printed Books, for the due return of them in the condition he received them; or if Manuſcripts, his bond in the penalty of £ 50. for each, for its ſafe return in as perfect ſtate as when delivered to him.

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CHAPTER XV.

Of the Common Seal and Deeds.

I. THE Common Seal of the Society ſhall be kept in an iron cheſt, having three locks, with three different keys; whereof one ſhall be in the cuſtody of the Preſident, another of the Treaſurer, and the third of the Senior Secretary.

II. Every Deed, or writing, to which the Common Seal is to be affixed, ſhall be paſſed and ſealed in Council, and ſigned by the Preſident on the fore part near the label, and ſigned on the back by the reſt of the Members of the Council preſent.

CHAPTER XVI.

Of the making and repealing of Laws.

I. FOR the making of any Law or Statute of the Royal Society, the draught thereof ſhall be read in Council, and put to the vote, on two ſeveral days of their meeting. The firſt day, the queſtion to be reſolved by vote ſhall be to this effect, viz. "Whether the draught of the ſaid Statute, "then agreed upon, ſhall be read at another meeting?" The ſecond day, the queſtion ſhall be to this effect, viz. "Whe-"ther the draught of the ſaid Statute, then agreed upon, ſhall "paſs for a Law, or not?"

II. For the repealing of any Law or Statute, or any part thereof, the Repeal ſhall be propounded and voted in Council, on two ſeveral days of their meeting. The firſt day, the queſtion to be reſolved by Ballot ſhall be to this effect, viz. "Whether the Repeal of ſuch a Statute, or ſuch part thereof, "ſhall be propounded at another meeting?" The ſecond day, the queſtion ſhall be to this effect, viz. "Whether ſuch a "Statute, or ſuch part thereof, ſhall be repealed or not?" And in caſe the ſaid Repeal be agreed unto, the ſame ſhall be recorded in the Journal-book of the Council; and the Statute, or part of the Statute, repealed, ſhall be cancelled in the Statute-book.

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